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Poplar Creek Baptist Church



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*This booklet is dedicated
to
Rubin Marvin Boyd
and
Lyman Brooks Wilkinson
for their love of
Poplar Creek Baptist Church*

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HISTORY OF POPLAR CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rubin Marvin Boyd

Mr. Boyd was born December 18, 1900 in Granville County, son of Martha Matthews and Rubin Bass Boyd. He attended school at Poplar Creek Church School and later at Dabney. In 1917 he joined Poplar Creek Church at the age of sixteen.

On November 25, 1920 he married Gladys Ellington. They were married by Rev. E. R. Nelson, Pastor at Poplar Creek at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have two children, Mrs. Margaret Greenway and Mr. M. C. Boyd, both of whom are members of Poplar Creek. They have five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Boyd has held various offices in the church over the years, and in 1922 he was ordained a deacon. Most of the existing improvements to the church have been made during Mr. Boyd's years of service as a deacon. Mr. Boyd still looks forward to the continuing growth and improvements of the church.

Gift of Boyd & V. Cooper



Lyman Brooks Wilkinson

Mr. Wilkinson was born September 16, 1896 in Vance County, son of Bettie Fleming and Peyton E. Wilkinson. His family had already been affiliated with Poplar Creek for many years as one of the first founders.

Mr. Wilkinson is a successful farmer in Vance County. During the past several years his financial generosity has made a number of improvements possible for Poplar Creek. However, his love for his church and his faithfulness have been even more important than his gifts. He is genuinely concerned for the spiritual growth and the loving fellowship of the members of his church. All of us owe him a debt of love and thankfulness.



Poplar Creek Baptist Church
Date taken unknown.



Poplar Creek Baptist Church
After first addition in 1956
and outdoor Bulletin Board in 1968.



Poplar Creek Baptist Church
After addition to front and addition of Board.



Poplar Creek Baptist Church
Date taken 1976.



Poplar Creek Baptist Church
Date taken 1978.

BAPTISTRY MURAL

The baptistry mural was painted by Mr. Charles Sweitzer of Apex, North Carolina. Mr. Sweitzer was born in Pennsylvania, son of Ann Keen and Julian Sweitzer. He was educated at Bradley and graduated with a Fine Arts Degree, and has a degree in Psychology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He has been a muralist for the past fourteen years, doing mostly religious paintings.

Some of his works include the largest religious mural in the world at Dallas, Texas; murals at Oral Roberts University at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and an eighty-five foot mural at the Battle-O-Rama located in the Carter's Court Shopping Area in Franklin, Tennessee; in the Merchandise Mart at Charlotte, North Carolina a ten by eighty foot mural; a mural at the MacArthur Academy, Brownwood, Texas, and the mural at Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina.

Mr. Sweitzer's future works include twenty-five early century scenes for Daryl's Restaurants and proposed sketches for President Nixon's library.

Mr. Sweitzer is married to the former Sybil Roach and they have two children.





Rev. John W. Phillips
Present Pastor

John William Phillips was born December 29, 1925, in Raleigh, North Carolina, to Edgar Eugene Phillips, Sr., and Emma McLean Phillips. He was educated in the city schools of Raleigh, withdrawing from Hugh Morson High School at the age of seventeen to enter voluntarily the United States Navy during World War II. At the end of the war, he returned to high school and graduated at the top of the class.

In 1947 he entered Campbell College and graduated valedictorian of his class. In 1951 he graduated summa cum laude from Wake Forest College, where he was also elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

While a student at Wake Forest College, John became pastor of Tungsten Baptist Church, Tungsten, N. C. During his pastorate at Tungsten, he was ordained into the Baptist ministry.

In 1955 he graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., receiving a D. D. degree. While at Southeastern, he served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Virginia, Va.

In 1955 and 1956 he attended Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Boston, Mass., where he received the Master of Theology degree.

In 1956 and 1957 he attended Hartford Theological School in Hartford, Conn., where he studied subjects designed to prepare him for the mission field.

In 1958 and 1959 he and his wife (Lily Murray Mobley, whom he had married in 1948) and his daughter Lisa served as Baptist missionaries in Drissa, India.

After returning to the U. S., John served as pastor of Moore's Chapel Baptist Church in Saxapahaw, N. C., from 1959 to 1963. From 1963 to 1965 he was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Reidsville, N. C.

In 1965, John and his wife and two children (Lisa and Jonathan) moved to Henderson, N. C., where he became an English teacher in the Henderson City Schools and interim pastor of Wise Baptist Church, Wise, N. C. From 1966 to 1970 he served as interim pastor of Harriet Baptist Church, Henderson. In 1970 he became pastor of Poplar Creek Baptist Church.

Under his ministry at Poplar Creek they have done considerable improvements and added new additions to the church. Mr. Phillips is a very dedicated Christian and we are proud of him for sharing his Christian faith with Poplar Creek.

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10. Poplar Creek Baptist Church, 1836-56, 1863---, Route #3, Henderson, Vance County. (Floyd's, 836-56)

Constituted 1836 by Rev. Samuel Duty and Rev. Josiah Crudup.²⁵ Received into Flat River Association 1840.²⁶ No information available concerning its history or places of worship 1836-56. Reorganized and received into Flat River Association 1863.²⁷ Present building, 1863---, a one-room frame structure with plain glass windows, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 400. First resident clergyman, Rev. Josiah Crudup. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1871. Church membership in 1840, 15; in 1845, 135; in 1863, 30; in 1873, 97; in 1883, 119; in 1893, 146; in 1903, 114; in 1913, 111; in 1923, 128; in 1933, 175; and in 1938, 91.

Record Book, 1914---.1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership roll; names of pastors; and record of baptism, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mrs. H. D. Parrott, Route #4, Henderson, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1927---, 5 vols. Includes membership rolls and records of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. S. T. LeMay, Route #3, Henderson, N. C.

25. Minutes of the Flat River Association, 1836, page 10.

26. Ibid., 1840, page 2.

27. Ibid., 1863, page 3.

DEED TO POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

John H. Wright & others

to

Lewis Parham & others

This indenture made and entered into this the 24th day of September 1859 by and between John H. Wright and Bazel Burroughs of the County of Granville and State of North Carolina of the first part and Elba L. Parrish, Hillman Barnes and J. W. Wright, B. Burroughs, L. R. Parham and John Barnes, trustees of the religious Society or congregation herein after mentioned of the second part witnepeth that the said John H. Wright and Bazel Burroughs for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion in the said congregation and of assuming to them a suitable and convenient site for a house of Worship and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said Trustees for and on behalf of the said congregation hath given granted bargained and sold and doth by these presents give grant bargain and sell unto the said Elba L. Parrish, Hillman Barnes, and John W. Wright B. Burroughs J. W. Brame and L. R. Parham Trustees of the religious society or congregation of the Baptist Church the county of Granville and known as the Poplar Creek Church a certain lot or parcel of ground situate lying and being in the said County and described and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a rock on the path thence West to a Red Oak 70 yds. in Clarks line thence North to a red oak then East to a white oak on the path thence along said path to the beginning marking in the whole two acres more or less. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances thereon. to them, the said Elba L. Parrish Hillman Barnes and John Wright B. Burroughs, Lewis R. Parham and John W. Barnes, Trustees of the said congregation of the said office in fee simple forever to and for the use of the said congregation of the said Baptist Church in the celebration of divine service and other rules and purposes according to the constitution laws and usages of the said Church at the said price subject to the proper jurisdiction and control of such ecclesiastical authorities as by the constitution and usage of the said Church have the control and oversight thereof and to no other uses or purposes and subject to no other control authority or jurisdiction for ever and the said Elba L. Parrish, Hillman Barnes and John Wright, Bazel Burroughs, John W. Barnes and L. R. Parham and their heirs do hereby declare and make known that this conveyance is taken by and made to them as Trustees of the said congregation and for the uses of the said Congregation as a religious society and use and no other character and that they have not and will not claim to have any personal interest therein except as Trustees and members of said and according to the Trust herein

declared for the said congregation which the fee simple invested in them by this conveyance and to the interest to assure the promises forever to the said congregation. In Witnes whereof the said John H. Wright and Bazel Burroughs have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and date above written.

Witnes:

Saml S. Hicks
William M. Stone

J. H. Wright	(seal)
B. Burroughs	(seal)
Elba L. Parrish	(seal)
Hillman Barnes	(seal)
J. H. Wright	(seal)
B. Burroughs	(seal)
John W. Barnes	(seal)
L. R. Parham	(seal)

North Carolina

Granville County

November Court 1859

This execution of the for going deed was duly proved in open court by the oath of Saml. S. Hicks one of the subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered

Witnes

A. Landis, Clerk

Truly registered Pr. L. A. Paschall P R

POPLAR CREEK CHURCH COVENANT

(Organizations Agreement)

We, the undersigned, being impressed with the belief that it would promote our spiritual prosperity and the glory of God, to be constituted into a Gospel Church at Poplar Creek meeting house, Granville County, North Carolina and believe it would be expedient at this time to do so by the aid of Elders E. F. Beachum and William Royall to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another in a Church capacity wishing to be ruled and governed by ourselves and acknowledge Jesus Christ only as our head and his word as our law, and having been orderely dismissed from Tabbs Creek Baptist Church and other baptist Churches, do this on the 1st. Sabbath in February Eighteen Hundred and sixty three join ourselves in a Church Covenant with each other and to dwell together in common and to enjoy the privileges of God's House.

Devel Ellington	S. S. Hicks	J. S. Wright
Jn. H. Wright	L. R. Parham	G. W. Wright
Elba Parrish	J. B. Barnes	L. A. Wiggins
Thos. Patterson	H. Barnes	A. Strum
L. Lloyd	W. P. Mangum	Thos. Ellington
Females		
A. Ellington	S. C. Wright	Harriot Wright
Elizabeth Turner	M. Barnes	Jane Barnes
Mary Wiggins	Nancy Lloyd	Mary S. Ellington
Sophia Wright	Lucy Wright	Nancy Fleming ^{ton}
Lucy Fleming	Fannie Fleming	Lucy Hester

RULES OF DEACONS

1. We the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Poplar Creek Granville County, do positively agree that all letters of dismission granted to any Brother or Sister shall not hold good but six months from date of letter. Done by order of the Church, Septomber 25, 1866.
2. All members of this Church who are absent from Church throe times in succession shall be doalt with. Done by order of Poplar Creek Baptist Church. Saturday before the first Lords day in May, 1867.

John L. Carroll, Moderator

John L. Wright, Clerk

BY LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

The rules of order prevailing among well regulated Baptist Churches shall be deemed binding among us. The following special rules are mentioned for our guidance and government.

1. It shall be the duty of every male member to prompt and regularly attend all business meetings to vote on all questions and not to withdraw from conference without permission (any male member absenting himself from conference for three regular meetings in succession shall be considered disorderly and shall be dealt with accordingly unless Providently hindered).
2. No member shall be entitled to a letter of dismission who has not paid up all dues and subscription.
3. The Pastor of the Church shall be its moderator, but in absence a moderator protem shall be chosen by the church.
4. All questions except the reception and dismission of members, which shall be unanimous shall be by a majority of votes.
5. In all matters of personal grievances or complaints, it shall be the duty of the offended strictly and literally to comply with the law of the Master as it is recorded in Matthew 18:15-7, and any member so failing shall be dealt with for contempt of the Laws of Christ.
6. The Pastor of the Church shall be called at the August meeting and it shall be the duty of every male member to subscribe to his support according to his ability and to pay such subscriptions in quarterly installments.
7. The superintendent and the other officers of the Sunday School shall be elected by the Church annually on the first regular meeting of the year, and the Church shall supply them with the funds necessary for successful work (change made in December).
8. It shall be the duty of the Church to elect annually at the January meeting a treasurer, a clerk and a collector for pastors's salary.
9. The clerk shall keep a true account of the proceedings of each meeting take charge of all records, and keep a roll of the members indicating the time and manner of reception and the date of death or dismission of every member.
10. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed quarterly at the March, June, September and December meetings.
11. Quarterly collections shall be taken for the object of the N. C. Baptist State Convention in the following way and order vis Foreign

Mission, March, State Mission, June, Education, December and Home Mission, September. (Time changed September 1888). It shall be the duty of the Clerk to call the roll of male members and to furnish the collectors of each list with names of all the male members and the amount contributed by each one.

12. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to report at each December meeting to the conference, the names of all brethren who have failed to make any contributions either to the pastor's salary or church expenses during the year.

13. Resolved:

1. That it is the sense of this church that non-resident members should take their letters to a church that they can attend.
2. That, when for special reasons brethren prefer to leave their membership with us in some way we expect them to communicate with us at least once a year and to assist in bearing the expenses of the church.
3. That, when such non-resident members shall have gone for a year without cooperation with the church in any way, it shall be the duty of the clerk to so inform the church and let the church do all in its power to bring such members into cooperation with us.
4. That if these efforts have failed the names of such members shall be dropped from our roll and no longer counted as members with us.

HISTORY OF POPLAR CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH

BY
MRS. H. D. PARROTT

Raleigh
Dynum Printing Company
1930



Dr. W.R. Cullom

A PERSONAL WORD

It was in October, 1896, that I first came to Poplar Creek Church. It was at the same time that I was beginning my work at Wake Forest College as Professor of Bible. For six and a half years I came to this church once a month from the college and enjoyed a most happy fellowship with them.

In the spring of 1921 they asked me to come back to them as supply for a time or two. This "time or two" has grown into a continuous service of almost ten years. From the standpoint of getting on together there is no reason that I know of why this service might not be continued indefinitely. A new generation has grown up, it is true, but they are my friends, and it would be a joy to carry on with this new generation for ten years more. But life does not move now as it did in 1896, nor as it did in 1921. Once a month preaching by an absentee pastor is no longer to be tolerated. Let us hope that soon our country churches will see to it that their services are brought into harmony with the movements of the new day. With the multiplied and multiplying demands upon my time, I do not feel that a further continuance of this relationship (pleasant as it is) could at all meet the demands of the present situation. Under these circumstances I am withdrawing from this pastorate in the hope that soon the church may see its way to readjustments that will more adequately meet the demands of the hour.

Mrs. H. B. Parrott wrote the history of the church several years ago and read it on an anniversary occasion. It was read again in connection with the Fellowship meeting on November 2 of the present year. This history along with the present roll of the church, is printed and given to the congregation in the hope that it may prove to be a stimulus to yet better things among the generation that is now in charge and among the generation that is coming on.

It would be pleasant to call many names and to deal in numerous personal reminiscences with reference to men and women and children who have wrought nobly. Many of them have passed to their eternal home, and, though they are dead, they still speak. Such personal mention, however, would either be so inadequate as to misrepresent the facts in the case, or would draw out the length of the introduction far beyond that of the history. Hard as it is, therefore, to do so, I refrain from all such reminiscing.

My tender love and abiding interest will follow these good people, irrespective of name or creed, so long as they and I shall live. They have

all been exceedingly kind and thoughtful of me, and my gratitude to them will be as genuine as has been their beautiful devotion, and as lasting as life.

Blessings on each of them!

W. R. Cullom

Decembar, 1930.

WE WALK BY FAITH:

I know not what awaits me,
God kindly veils mine eyes
And o'er each step of my onward way,
He makes new scenes to rise;
And every joy He sends me,
Comes a sweet and glad surpriso.

One step and I see before me,
'Tis all I need to see,
The light of heaven more brightly shines,
When earth's illusions flee;
And sweetly through the silence came
His loving, "Follow me!"

O blissful lack of wisdom,
'Tis blessed not to know;
He holds me with His own right hand,
And will not let me go,
And lulls my soul to rest
In Him who loves me so.

So on I go not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone in the light;
I'd rather walk by faith in Him
Than go alone by sight.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute *cheerfully and regularly* to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk *circumspectly* in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

HISTORY OF POPLAR CREEK

BAPTIST CHURCH

About eighty years ago in the '50's, there stood about twenty yards south of this church a large log building. There was a rock chimney at one end, and on one side an aperture was left between the logs to admit light and air, for there were no glass windows. Rude benches were on the inside and also a huge fireplace which heated the building in winter.

This log structure was probably built for a church, but was used for a schoolhouse as well. A few devout Baptists who lived in this community, and who were members of the log church, met here for worship. The church was not strong enough to support a pastor, so preachers from other churches were sometimes invited and they preached occasionally. Rev. Mr. Spivey was one of these early preachers; Rev. W. H. Jordan another. Rev. Patrick Smith of Tabb's Creek, a Baptist church about five miles away, also came over and held services now and then. Prayer meetings were also held. A Miss Polly Paschall took active part in this work.

In the late '50's the church became very inactive for a few years. Efforts were made to get it on a stronger footing, and to build a new house but without avail.

Finally, in the year 1858, a series of revival meetings, conducted by Rev. Moses Baldwin, were held at Tabb's Creek, of which Rev. T. J. Horner was pastor. Many additions were made to the church, several being from this community. One of the results of these meetings was the decision to take over Poplar Creek Church and establish a branch of Tabb's Creek Church at this place. This was done, and some of the members of Tabb's Creek who lived nearby came over to this church. In those days when there were no good roads and few conveyances, traveling was a difficult matter, therefore churchgoing was made more convenient by the establishment of the branch church.

Plans for the new church were soon formulated and work was begun early in the next year. Some of the men most instrumental in establishing the branch church were John W. Barnes, Hilman Barnes, 'Squire S. S. Hicks, L. R. Parham, John H. Wright, Joe Clark, Elba Parrish, Devel Ellington, Thomas Patterson and William Mangum. John H. Wright and Bazzel Burroughs gave the land for the church. Bazzel Burroughs furnished the timber which his negroes sawed with whipsaws. Hamilton Hester contracted for the building and his son, Ben Hester, did the work.

The house built in 1859 is the same in which we worship today. There have been a few changes and repairs made from time to time. At first there was a space loft behind the pulpit for the colored members, for during slavery time many negroes belonged to the white churches. In 1868 the church was ceiled and plastered. Later, in 1878, a baptistry was built in the church, but was discontinued after a few years. The roof, too, has been changed.

The church was dedicated in 1860. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Solomon, of Warrenton. A large crowd was present for the occasion. Some rode horseback, others came on wagons and many afoot. There were only a few buggies in those days. It was not unusual to see a woman riding to church behind a man, on the same horse. Horse blocks were on each side the church yard near the road which was then termed the "Ridge Path." And this "path" in both directions was bordered on each side by thick woods; for there was little cleared land in the immediate vicinity of the church. The women present at the dedication were dressed in the hoopskirts and bonnets of the '60's.

The trying days of the Civil War came on and some of the members shouldered their guns and went away. Among them were George W. Wright, Hilman Barnes, John W. Barnes, and J. L. Wright. They went away members of the branch church, but when they returned Poplar Creek had become an independent church.

During the war, on the first Sunday in February, 1863, Poplar Creek Meeting House, as it was then called, severed its connection with Tabb's Creek and became an independent body. Prior to this time all the business had been transacted at the latter place--all the conferences held there. Rev. E. F. Beachum and Rev. William Royall, of Wake Forest, drew up the church covenant and helped organize the independent church of Poplar Creek. It was named Poplar Creek because of a small, nearby stream bearing that name, in which the baptizing was done for a while.

The first or charter members of the independent church organized in 1863 were the following:

Bewel Ellington	Amanda Ellington
John H. Wright	S. C. Wright
Elba Parrish	Harriet Wright
Thomas Patterson	Elizabeth Turner
S. S. Hicks	Malison Barnes
J. W. Barnes	Jane Barnes

J. L. Wright	Mary Wiggins
H. Barnes	Nancy Lloyd
G. W. Wright	Mary E. Ellington
L. A. Wiggins	Sophia Wright
A. Strum	Lucy Wright
L. Lloyd	Nancy Fleming
W. P. Mangum	Lucy Fleming
C. G. Patterson	Fannie Fleming
Thos. Ellington	Sallie Hester

The first pastor was Rev. E. F. Beachum; the first officers were S. S. Hicks and L. R. Parham, deacons; Elba Parrish, clerk; John W. Barnes, treasurer; John H. and John L. Wright, collectors.

The Barnes, Wrights and Parhams figured prominently in the organization and work of the church in its early history.

From the establishment of the church until now preaching services have been held most of the time on the first Sunday in each month and conference on the preceding Saturday. A good many years ago for a short period services were held on the fourth Sundays. At first the hour for the Saturday's conference was 9 o'clock in the morning, but was later changed to the afternoon. Those who wished to unite with the church usually presented themselves at the Saturday conference. Before and during the war many colored people, as well as white, joined in this way. In the early records frequent mention is made of slaves belonging to different men of the community presenting themselves for church membership.

We also find in the early records frequent accounts of members being arraigned before the church for being delinquent in their church duties. Regular attendance, paying of dues, and proper conduct were three things required of every member.

Rev. J. L. Carroll was the second pastor. He began serving the church in 1866. During his pastorate the first association at Poplar Creek was held in August, 1866.

Rev. J. A. Stradley was the next pastor, serving the church from 1868 till 1875.

Rev. F. R. Underwood came next, being pastor from '78 until some time in the '80's. While he was pastor, in the year 1877, we first have mention made of women taking active part in the church work. Harriet Wright and Lucy Barnes were appointed as committee to make collections for State Missions; Mrs. J. W. Barnes, Betty Clarke, and Polly Ellington, Foreign

Missions.

The first Sunday School held at this church was conducted by Major Parham. He taught the catechism and Bible. No Sunday School literature like that we have today was then used. Later on in the '70's there was a large Sunday School. As many as eighty-one were enrolled in the year 1878 according to an old book kept by S. Otho Wilson, who was Sunday School secretary at that time.

During the '80's Dr. R. H. Marsh became pastor and served the church until 1894. In the year 1886 the first trustees of the church were appointed by Dr. Marsh. They were R. R. Callis, William McCann, J. T. Barnes, J. L. Capps, J. W. Fleming.

About this time the church was resealed and new benches or pews put in.

The Association was held at Poplar Creek for the second time in the year 1888. Associations in those days were largely attended and were great events in the life of the community as well as in the life of the church.

It is interesting here to note that Mr. George Wright bought of Mr. Bassel Burroughs thirty sheep for the Association. These he retailed to the members.

Charles T. Ball was granted license to preach, at Poplar Creek, on the first Sunday in September, 1889. He is the only minister of the Gospel that has gone out from this church. Dr. Ball has become very prominent in the work of the Baptist denomination.

Dr. Marsh resigned in 1894 and Rev. T. B. Hill became pastor, serving two years. He was followed by Rev. W. R. Cullom, who preached his first sermon at Poplar Creek on October 4, 1896. During his pastorate a library was purchased for the church, and a schoolhouse was built on the church grounds by the church. Dr. Cullom was instrumental in having the school built and in securing teachers.

Rev. Mr. Cullom resigned at the close of the year 1902, and Rev. A. C. Hunter became pastor, serving the church not quite three years. Rev. Herman T. Stevens came next. He was pastor about two years, accepting the work in the spring of 1906 and serving until September, 1908. In 1909 Rev. J. A. Stradley the second time became pastor, preaching a little more than a year.

Rev. E. R. Nelson accepted the pastorate in 1911 and served the church two years. While he was pastor, in the year 1913, the Association was held at Poplar Creek for the third time. After his resignation Rev. H.G. Bry

a Wake Forest student, supplied for the remainder of the year 1913. Then again in 1914 Rev. Mr. Nelson accepted the work and was pastor until the close of 1916. Rev. J. U. Teague followed next, preaching less than two years.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, of the Henderson church, supplied most of the time during the years 1919 and 1920. In the spring of 1921 Dr. W. R. Cullom the second time became pastor.

The pastors, then, to summarize, that have served in all these years in the ups and downs of the church and have striven to advance the Kingdom of God in this community, are: Messrs. Beachum, Carroll, Stradley, Underwood, Marsh, Hill, Hunter, Stevens, Nelson, Teague and Cullom. All except the last four have passed on into the Great Beyond.

Dr. Marsh, Rev. J. A. Stradley and Dr. Cullom are the three pastors who have served the church for the longest periods of time.

The men who have been deacons are:

L. R. Parham	J. U. Fleming	S. S. Hicks	J. L. Capps
Thos. Patterson	W. N. Critchor	G. W. Ellington	P. E. Wilkinson
J. E. Callis	J. T. Holloway	S. Otho Wilson	E. C. Parrott
C. G. Patterson	R. M. Boyd	G. W. Wright	Thomas Lemay

The following have served as clerks of the church:

Elba Parrish	P. E. Rowland	H. M. Wright	G. W. Wright
J. L. Wright	P. C. Parham	E. T. Parham	E. C. Parrott
J. H. Parham	J. L. Capps	C. P. Wright	Mrs. H. D. Parrott

LIST OF MEMBERS

Eugene Abbott	Otho Chappell	James Fleming
Charlie Allgood	O. C. Currin	Cleveland Greenway
L. R. Ball	George Currin	Willie Clopton
William Ball	Batt Ellington	I. D. Hart
Dodson Ball	Boyd Ellington	Dorsey Fleming Hart
Adrian Ball	Sidney Ellington	Harvey C. Harris
Ben F. Ball	Roger Ellington	Sam Hester
William Ball	Wallace Ellington	John Holloway
Harold Bradsher	William Ellington	S. T. LeMay
L. F. Boyd	Jonas Ellington	Charles L. LeMay
R. M. Boyd	Herbert Ellington	Thos. Benton Parham
Hubert M. Capps	Bud Ellington	Jasper Wayland Parham
Gilbert Capps	J. U. Fleming	J. R. Parham
J. McElree Capps	Goodo Fleming	A. G. Parrott

Carl Parrott	Fannie Allgood	Mrs. Hayden Glover
Frank Parrott	Sallie Allgood	Mrs. Hunter F. Harris
Garland Parrott	Mrs. L. R. Ball	Louise Harris
Nelson Parrott	Mrs. Inez Ball Currin	Mrs. Forol F. Hart
Wilson Parrott	Estello Ball	Isabel Hart
Eugene C. Parrott	Mrs. Isabel Ball Hedgepeth	Mildred Hart
Elbert Parrott	Mario Ball	Mrs. Pearl Hester
Graham Parrott	Mrs. Maud Critcher Ball	Miss Pattie Hester
Titus Parrott	Mrs. Thelma Ball Brooks	Miss Lucy Hester
H. D. Parrott	Mrs. Helen Capps Bobbitt	Mrs. H. D. Hicks
A. C. Perry	Mrs. L. F. Boyd	Mrs. Verna F. LeMay
Alley Roberson	Mrs. R. M. Boyd	Annie Marshall LeMay
Edward Lee Roberson	Mrs. Mozelle Holloway	Mrs. Daisy K. Parham
Roger Roberson	Leona Clopton ^{Chappoll}	Mrs. Ellen Parrott
James Satterwhite	Estelle Clopton	Mrs. A. G. Parrott
Lonwood Short	Mrs. Hugh Currin	Mrs. Dorothy Parrott Nutt
John Short	Bernice Currin	Edna Earle Parrott
Wilson Thomas	Mrs. Tazzie Currin Daniel	Mrs. J. M. Ellington
Edward Thomas	Mrs. Sallie Wells Edwards	Miss Annie Ellington
Earle Wado	Mrs. Drowry Ellington	Mrs. Sarah Wilson Parrott
Charlie Weaver	Nola Ellington	Mrs. E. C. Parrott
Guy Wells	Mrs. J. E. Ellington	Mrs. Louise Parrott
H. D. Wells	Myra Ellington	Hobgood
Paul Wells	Mrs. Ethel Ellington White	Mrs. H. D. Parrott
P. E. Wilkinson	Bailey Wilkinson	Julia Parrott
A. P. Wilkinson	E. D. Wilkinson	Chloe Parrott
Elam Greenway	Mrs. Catherine Ellington	Mrs. A. C. Perry
Lyman Wilkinson	Critcher	Miss Lizzie Perry
Alphous Woodlief	Mrs. Stella Hart Ellington	Miss Mary Perry
Tom Woodlief	Mrs. Sadie Ellington	Mrs. Elizabeth Roberson
Tom Williford	Mrs. Pauline Ellington	Maude Roberson
Ira Williford	Van Dyke	Mrs. Sallie Short
G. S. Wright	Thornton Elliott	Mrs. Ola F. Satterwhite
Carlyle Wright	Willie Lee Elliott	Janie Satterwhite
Lathan Wright	Mrs. J. U. Fleming	Mrs. Maude Hobgood
Norris Wright	Miss Lottie Grissom	Stanley
Mrs. Lossie Abbott	Mrs. C. C. Greenway	Mrs. B. W. Thomas
Elizabeth Abbott	Mrs. Johnny Greenway	Mrs. Alma Thomas Parrott
Clara Mao Allgood	Elizabeth Greenway	Eunice Wells

Mrs. Frauline Wells Hicks
Mrs. Lucy Wells Jones
Mrs. Geneva Weaver
Minnie Weaver
Mrs. Rufus Woodlief
Mary E. Williford
Martha Williford
Mrs. P. E. Wilkinson
Miss Eva J. Wilkinson
Mrs. A. P. Wilkinson
Mrs. Sallie M. Wilkinson

HISTORY OF POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

In the year 1858 a series of revival meetings conducted by Rev. Moses Baldwin were held at Tabbs' Creek. Many additions were made to the church, several coming from this community. The result of these meetings was a decision to take over Poplar Creek Church and establish a branch of Tabbs' Creek Church at this place.

In those days when there were no good roads traveling was a difficult matter. Therefore, church-going was made more convenient by the establishment of a branch church. Plans were soon formulated and work was begun. The land was donated by Mr. John H. Wright and Bazzel Burroughs. Timber was furnished by Mr. Burroughs. Mr. Hamilton Hester contracted for the building and his son, Ben Hester, did the work. This house is the same we worship in today with many changes and repairs having been made from time to time. The church was dedicated in 1860. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Solomon of Warrenton. In February of 1863, Poplar Creek Meeting House, as it was then called, severed its connection with Tabbs' Creek and became an independent body. It was named Poplar Creek because of a small, near-by stream bearing that name, in which the baptizing was done for a while. In 1863 there were 30 charter members. The first pastor was Rev. E. F. Beachum. The first officers were: S. S. Hicks and L. R. Parham, deacons; Elba Parrish, clerk; John W. Darnes, treasurer; and John H. and John L. Wright, collectors.

Referring back to 1878, Sunday School attendance increased and there were 81 enrolled. By the year 1888 two associational meetings had taken place here.

Some years later, on October 4, 1896, the Rev. W. R. Cullom preached his first sermon at Poplar Creek. During his pastorate a library was purchased for the church and a school house was built on the church grounds for the church. Dr. Cullom was instrumental in having the school built and in securing teachers. Later, in 1902, Dr. Cullom resigned. Once more in 1913 the associational meeting was held at Poplar Creek for the third time. At a later date, Rev. J. U. Teague served as pastor. Rev. Teague is now a resident of Henderson.

During the years 1919 and 1920, Rev. S. L. Morgan served this church and in the Spring of 1921, for the second time, Dr. W. R. Cullom became pastor. At the time of his resignation and for several years thereafter the pastor's vacancy was filled with supply ministers. According to the

most accurate information available at this time, Poplar Creek has since called as pastor the following:

Rev. J. W. Davis
Rev. W. D. Poe
Rev. John McCrimmon
Rev. Talmadge Smith
Rev. B. M. Gordon
Rev. Ray Hodge
Rev. W. J. Edwards
Rev. E. T. Vinson
Rev. Jimmie Burnham
Rev. Millard Bennett
Rev. Charles Parker
Rev. Eugene Hawkins
Rev. Norris Wilson
Rev. Richard Englert, Jr.
Rev. John W. Phillips

In April of 1950, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Ray Hodge, the interior of the church was re-modeled.

During the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Edwards in 1953 a heating system was installed.

In 1956, with Rev. E. T. Vinson as pastor, additions of classrooms and a vestibule were added. Later, in 1958, the building was painted and restrooms added.

In October of 1960, Poplar Creek observed its 100th anniversary, showing an increase in enrollment from 30 to 104.

By Maxine Greenway

POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
1836-1978

Historical records show that Poplar Creek Baptist Church was first organized in 1836 by the Reverend Samuel Duty and the Reverend Josiah Crudup. It was not until 1840 that Poplar Creek was received into the Flat River Association. At present there is no definite information as to the place of worship from 1836 to 1856. However, one of the church's early places of worship was a log structure about twenty yards south of the present church.

This particular building was probably built as a place of worship, but it was also used as a school house. There was a rock chimney at one end and an aperture on one side to admit light between the logs. There were no glass windows. Seating was on rude wooden benches, and heat in the winter time was furnished by a hugh fireplace. Since the congregation was very poor, it could not support a regular pastor; therefore, it invited preachers from other churches to preach occasionally. Among these visiting preachers were Reverend Spivey, Rev. W. H. Jordan, and Rev. Patrick Smith from Tabbs Creek.

Poplar Creek became inactive for several years during the 1850's. Then in 1858 the Reverend Moses Baldwin held a revival at Tabbs Creek which resulted in a decision for Tabbs Creek to rejuvenate Poplar Creek as a branch of Tabbs Creek. A fairly large number of Tabbs Creek's members who lived near Poplar Creek began attending Poplar Creek. John H. Wright and Bazzel Burroughs gave land for the building of a new church. Some of the men most instrumental in establishing Poplar Creek as a branch of Tabbs Creek and eventually, as an independent church were John W. Barnes, Hilmon Barnes, 'Squire S. S. Hicks, L. R. Parham, John H. Wright, Joe Clark, Elba Parrish, Bevel Ellington, Thomas Patterson, and William Mangum. Bazzel Burroughs furnished the timber for the new church. This timber was sawed with whipsaws by his Negroes. Hamilton Hester contracted for the new building, and his son Ben did the work.

The new church building was built in 1859 and is the same building we worship in today. A space was left behind the pulpit for the few colored members who belonged to the church. In 1860 the church was dedicated by Reverend J. B. Solomon of Warrenton, and in 1863 the church severed its connection to Tabbs Creek to become an independent body. Also, in 1863 Poplar Creek was received for the second time into the Flat River Association. Reverend E. F. Beachum and Reverend William Royall of Wake Forest

drew up a charter for the church.

The name of Poplar Creek was taken from a nearby stream. Before its reorganization in 1859 it was known as Poplar Creek Meeting House.

Many improvements have been made on the church since 1863. In 1868 the church was sealed and plastered. In 1878 a baptistry was built but later discontinued. During Dr. W. R. Cullom's pastorate a library was established. The present pews were purchased in 1902. In the 1950's carpet was installed in the sanctuary, and new rooms were added to the front of the church. The wood heaters were replaced by gas furnaces in 1953 during the pastorate of Reverend W. J. Edwards. The organ was given by Mrs. Goode Fleming, and the piano was purchased from Mr. Alvis Barnes. The air conditioner was placed in the sanctuary in 1967 under Reverend Norris Wilson's leadership. In 1968 the bulletin board in front of the church was purchased. During Reverend Richard Englert's ministry members purchased stained glass windows to honor and memorialize their loved ones. The grandchildren of Mrs. Dorothy Parrott Nutt gave a silver flower urn in her memory, and Mrs. Warren gave the picture of Christ in memory of her father, H. B. Parrott, Sr. The communion tables and chairs were given by members of the church in memory of loved ones in 1963. Other improvements include the following: new flags purchased by the children of the Sunday School, shrubbery, a speaker for the nursery, aluminum siding and insulation, a new educational building in 1976, a steeple in 1976, refinishing of the church pews and the addition of cushions, repainting of the sanctuary, and the addition of hanging lights in 1978.

A new pulpit Bible was given to the church after its reorganization in 1860 by Isaiah H. Fuller. In 1975 that Bible was rebound so that it might be preserved. The old pulpit of the church was refinished in 1978, and it and the rebound Bible were placed at the rear of the sanctuary as items of beauty and inspiration.

The present (1978) church membership is 114. The Sunday School enrollment is 66. The charter membership of the church numbered 30. Their names were as follows:

H. Barnes	Nancy Fleming	Elizabeth Turner
Jane Barnes	Sallie Hester	L. A. Wiggins
Malison Barnes	S. S. Hicks	Mary Wiggins
J. W. Barnes	L. Lloyd	G. W. Wright
Amanda Ellington	Nancy Lloyd	Harriet Wright
Devel Ellington	W. P. Mangum	J. L. Wright
Mary E. Ellington	Elba Parrish	John H. Wright
Thomas Ellington	C. G. Patterson	Lucy Wright
Fannie Fleming	Thomas Patterson	S. C. Wright
Lucy Fleming	A. Strum	Sophia Wright

The pastors of Poplar Creek Baptist Church since it was reorganized and became an independent body in 1863 are as follows:

E. F. Beachum 1863-1866	W. R. Cullom 1921
J. L. Carroll 1866-1868	J. W. Davis 1933
J. A. Stradley 1868-1875	W. D. Poe 1941
F. R. Underwood 1878-1880	John McCrimmon 1944
R. H. Marsh 1880-1894	Talmadge Smith 1945
T. D. Hill 1894-1896	B. M. Gordon 1949
W. R. Cullom 1896-1902	Ray Hodge 1949
A. D. Hunter 1902-1905	W. J. Edwards 1952
Hermon T. Stevens 1906-1908	E. T. Venson 1955
J. A. Stradley 1909-1910	Jimmie Durnham 1960
E. R. Nelson 1911-1913	Millard Bennett 1961
H. G. Bryan 1913	Charles Parker 1961
E. R. Nelson 1914-1916	Eugene Hawkins 1965
J. U. Teague 1917	Norris Wilson 1966
S. L. Morgan 1919	Richard Englert, Jr. 1969
E. R. Morgan 1920	John W. Phillips 1971

By: Peggy Capps

POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The constant movement of the large palm leaf fans stirred the air and somewhat cooled the sultry heat of the Tabb's Creek July revival meeting. This was an important night for many of those in attendance, for this night determined the future of Poplar Creek Baptist Church in the Dabney Community.

Actually, the church has existed in some form since 1836 when Reverend Samuel Duty and Reverend Josiah Crudup first organized it. The church was named after a nearby stream which was often used for baptisms. During the 1850's the members of the church met in a large log building about twenty yards south of the present site. This building was also used as a schoolhouse. For a few years in the mid-1850's, the church became inactive and no one knows where the membership went to continue their worship.

Then, in 1858 on that hot July night, the decision was made to reorganize Poplar Creek. The plan was to construct a new building and to rejuvenate the church by establishing it as a branch of Tabb's Creek Baptist Church. Many of the members of Tabb's Creek began to attend Poplar Creek because it was nearer their homes. At that time the church was called Poplar Creek Meeting House.

The church members worked together and began construction on the new building the next year. Two of the members donated land, and others furnished timber and slave labor. In the presence of a large crowd, the new building was dedicated in 1860. Horses, wagons, and buggies, tied to the hitching posts, lined the sides of the church. The tree-lined dirt road thronged with wheels and feet as the sanctuary quickly filled to the doors with men, women, and children. The occasion was truly lively and gay.

In 1863 Poplar Creek Meeting House broke away from Tabb's Creek and became an independent church body. The new church joined the Flat River Association as Poplar Creek Baptist Church.

For a short while, services were held on the fourth Sunday of each month. Later, they were moved to the first Sunday. On the Saturday preceding services, the men of the church held a conference presided over by the deacons. At these meetings, they settled community disputes and interviewed prospective church members. Most new members were accepted into the church only after presenting themselves at the Saturday meeting.

Each church member had to live by very rigid rules. He had to attend regularly, pay his dues, and conduct himself properly at all times. If he

broke the by laws and rules of order, he was brought before the church and sometimes dismissed from membership, and according to church records, this procedure was used quite frequently.

Most of the time, however, these members were allowed to re-enter the church after making an apology.

The dress of the women of the church had to be appropriate, also. Mrs. Nell Crews, a long-time member describes their attire, "The ladies of the church used to wear a sort of uniform. They wore high top laced ankle boots, black pleated skirts, and white blouses with high collars trimmed in lace. A black ribbon was tied around the collar and tightened into place with a brooch."

The women did not take a very active part in the church. They helped mainly in the prayer meetings and in Sunday School.

The church used a specific seating arrangement for the different sexes. "The women and babies sat on the north side, and the men sat on the south side of the church," says Mrs. Crews, smiling over a memory just recalled. She adds, "The young ladies and their beaux sat in the middle row of pews. I remember I had to sit with my papa, but I would wish I could go over and sit with mama."

"The men and women even went in and out separate doors. The two doors were at the front of the church, and they never went in or out the wrong door," continues Mrs. Crews.

Mrs. Isabel Hedgepeth also remembers the church of her childhood, "My papa would always sit on one special pew on the left side. You could find him in that place every Sunday."

Church members used to devote more of their time to the church and its services. Sunday worship service would often last two to three hours and everyone attended and no one left until it was completed. When revival time came, the meetings would last for many hours of the day.

The revivals at Poplar Creek were generally held the first week in July and lasted from Sunday through Thursday. "It would be hot and so many people would come that they would have to stand up in the back of the church. I remember fainting from the heat one time," recalls Mrs. Hedgepeth, remembering the heat of those long ago revivals. "The revival meetings would begin at 3:00 and end in time for everyone to go home and eat supper. Then, we would all come back at 8:00 for another meeting. It all meant a long day."

The preacher was a very important part of the community, and even more

important that first week in July.

"Everyone would fuss about who would have the preacher for Sunday dinner. He would always eat that meal and often many others with different families every week," says Mrs. Crews, remembering those quarrels and the ultimate visit of the preacher.

But time has changed all aspects of the church. The sanctuary and the entire layout of the church building have undergone renovations, restorations and additions.

In 1863 when Poplar Creek was finished, it was a one-room frame structure with plain-glass windows, a belfry, and a seating capacity of four hundred. The present sanctuary is the original frame, but the roof has been reshaped and belfry removed. Much remodeling has completely changed the physical appearance of the building.

In 1878 a baptistry was built, but its exact location is unknown today. It may have been located on the site of a large hole found under the church in the 1970's. The baptistry, however, was discontinued after a short time.

The 1950's brought even more changes to Poplar Creek. New walls, new floors and carpet, and refinished pews were added to the church sanctuary in April, 1950. The wood heaters were replaced by oil heaters, then by gas furnaces in 1952. Two new classrooms and a vestibule were added to the front of the church in 1956. These later additions were funded by a presentation, "Queen for a Day," with an all male cast, given at Dabney School.

In 1960 the church celebrated its centennial with a special service on October 2. A historical sketch of the church was presented to the congregation on that day, also.

The greatest additions to the church were made in the 1970's, beginning with the installment of stained glass windows in 1971.

On October 5, 1975, the new educational building was dedicated. This building has three classrooms, two restrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall.

In 1976 a steeple was added to the church, and in 1978 new cushions, hanging lights, and a repainting of the sanctuary gave the church a different look. The pews, columns, and piano were refinished to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary. The old Bible that was given to the church in 1860 after its reorganization was rebound and placed on the old pulpit at the entrance to the sanctuary.

The library, which has been recently added, is reminiscent of the past. A small table made from wood taken from the original building has recently been refinished and placed in the center of the library. New books and a plaque describing the table have been placed on the table.

The last additions to the church were the baptistry and choir loft built in 1979. These recent additions consist of two dressing rooms, two storage rooms, and a choir loft consisting of four pews.

The physical growth of Poplar Creek Baptist Church has been accompanied by its growth in membership. The original thirty charter members have grown into one hundred and fourteen present members.

"All of these nice improvements have been made to please the members and to attract others to the church," says Reverend John W. Phillips, the present pastor of the church. "We are hoping that as the community grows with the Community College, the church will continue to grow and aid the Dabney Community."

By: Carolyn Hedgepeth

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HISTORICAL FACTS AND EVENTS FROM 1859 to 1980

The house built in 1859 is the same we worship in today with some improvements and changes made over the years. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Solomon of Warrenton, N. C. in 1860 and in August of 1860 on the first Sunday the church agreed to join the Flat River Association and at the same time becoming an independent body church from Tabbs Creek. At this time a Pulpit Bible was presented to the church by Isiah N. Fuller. It has been rebound and is under glass on the old pulpit in the church.

Hilman Barnes was elected as deacon in April 1863. In April Brother L. R. Parham was ordained as deacon.

On Saturday before the first Sabbath in August 1869 Ellen and Pheby Young, colored women came forward to join the Church, and after examination were received to baptism on the 3rd of September 1865. This is the first record of any colored members of the church, although several are mentioned in later records. They used to sit in a space behind the pulpit while attending service.

In 1868 the church was ceiled and plastered.

There is some lost history of the church from September 1876 to February 1877.

Brother H. H. Barnes and J. E. Callis elected deacons, January 26, 1878

On July 27, 1878 the church agreed to build a baptistry, and in 1875 while cleaning from underneath the church they found a large hole perhaps where the baptistry was installed at that time.

A committee of Brothers G. W. Wright, J. L. Wright and J. H. Parham was appointed to revise the roll and church covenant in October 1885.

Appointed as trustees of Poplar Creek Church on March 6, 1886 were R. R. Callis, W. M. McCann, J. T. Barnes, J. L. Capps and J. U. Fleming.

About 1886 the church was re-ceiled and new benches or pews added. Brother G. W. Wright was ordained as Deacon October 1, 1887. Brother J. R. Fuller was requested by the church to be Chief of Police at the Flat River Association which was to be held at Poplar Creek on August 14, 1888.

A motion was made on May 4, 1889 to endorse the Harris' Crossroad Sunday School as a branch school and supply them material was approved.

Dr. W. R. Cullom was the church's first full time Preacher starting his duties in 1896.

A request from Brother Van Deventer from Henderson that the church

raise \$100.00 for endowing Wake Forest College was approved in December, 1890.

Brother C. G. Paterson and J. U. Fleming were ordained as Deacons, November, 1895.

December 8, 1896 the church purchased 50 new copies of the Best Hymns.

In February 1898, Brother Cullom made a report of conditions of the library with maps costing \$2.70, freight \$.91, bookcase \$7.74 and cost of books \$31.20, total cost \$42.56. Sister Annie Ellington elected to fill the librarian job as the assistant librarian had left.

In September 1898 the church adopted the Church Hymn & Gospel Songs as the church hymn books and to buy 20 copies from Dr. Cullom.

In January 1899 Miss Mary Parrott was elected to assistant Librarian, C. G. Patterson, Jr. Librarian and Miss Lillie Callis as Church Organist.

New doors for the church were approved in August 1900, and in September the church met in conference to build a school house, and also to provide for a well which was discussed in October, to which both were approved.

In September, 1901 the church met in conference to organize a church at Knott's pack house and Brother W. C. McCann reported attended and said a church was organized at the place with 25 members, name of said church to be "Knotts Creek Church." The church also agreed to use the new school house as a music room also, and the church had the organ and piano tuned in January 1, 1902. Money was raised for school desks and building in April of 1902.

On July 6, 1902, \$987.00 was raised for a Chapel at Harriet Cotton Mill at Henderson, N. C. The Church gained 5 new members, three by baptizing, and one by letter, one was restored to membership and the church lost one by death.

Brother Rev. A. D. Hunter was called as pastor in November, 1902 for the coming year of 1903. Brother Fleming resigned as Deacon and Brother W. N. Critcher was elected to assistant deacon for the remainder of the year. Brother Pittard asked for help from the church in building the Church at Knotts Grove in October 1903.

In August 1905 Poplar Creek was in a field church with Island Creek and Rock Spring Churches.

Brother H. T. Stevenson was called as pastor in January 1906. A committee was elected to lay off squares in the cemetery for the ones that wanted a square and did not have one, in March of 1905.

In April 1909 a committee was appointed to buy an organ and it was reported the \$50.00 plus the old organ could be traded for a new one. The new organ was received in October 1909.

The first Sunday of each church year the church voted to have its annual Homecoming Day. We still observe this date in honor of Dr. W. R. Cullom who preached his first sermon on October 4, 1896, and contributed so much to the lives of his church members.

We are still continuing our growth at Poplar Creek Church, even though we are small in number we are indeed large in heart and have made many changes at Poplar Creek, since the first church history written by Mrs. Elizabeth Capps Parrott, wife of H. B. Parrott, Sr. We have members added, some moving and others lost by death, we are still striving to make Poplar Creek a better and more Christian Church to worship in and enjoy the fellowship that we have always had.

Mr. James Landon Capps was our church clerk from 1914 until his death in 1927, at this time Mrs. H. B. Parrott was appointed church clerk which she served for some time. In Mrs. Parrott's history of the church she obtained a lot of information from Dr. Cullom's notes and with his help she furnished us with the first history, and Dr. Cullom had about 500 copies printed and paid for them himself. We still have only a few that members held on to, so for the benefit of all we have furnished a copy in the first of the book.

In 1914 Brother E. R. Nelson purchased two collection baskets for the church. We do not know if they are the same ones which we use in our services today or not.

In March 28, 1914 Mrs. Ben Harris wanted possession of the old bookcase made by her Uncle Merriman Parrish, on motion the church voted to retain it. It is still in possession and in use in the church today, 1975.

The churches were more strict with their members in the older days than now. In one case recorded it refused a member his letter on grounds of not being in full fellowship with the church and by refusing to apologize to the church. After 13 months he apologized to the church and received his letter.

In 1918 the church subscribed to the Biblical Recorder. March 6, 1920 the school house operated by Poplar Creek Church was sold to the highest bidder for \$145.00 to Mr. J. M. Capps to be used as a store.

First painting of the outside of church in October, 1920 and purchased song books.

The church organ was turned over to Mr. A. P. Barnes a piano dealer in part payment of a new piano, in September 1, 1922. Poplar Creek has been in many church fields with other churches and at the present, 1977, we are still in the Flat River Association, which we became a part of in 1863. At present we are having church services each Sunday except the fifth Sunday of each month.

In March 1921 again Dr. Cullom came to Poplar Creek and served in capacity until 1928. Many changes took place while he was here and the church obtained insurance at a cost of \$9.00 in 1916 on the building and has increased it several times as the church is increased in value and additional space.

In 1924 George Ellington willed to Poplar Creek Church on the death of his wife a certain piece of land that he formerly owned and to be sold and the proceeds from this sale be given to the church. This land was sold on February 16, 1924 and on April 5, 1925 the church agreed to use the money total \$220.00 to pay the building committee for use in covering the church, and to use cedar shingles. This land contained 13 acres, situated on railroad north end of Dabney. Mr. T. T. Hicks bought the land.

On October 5, 1925 the question of all-day service was discussed and in view of a recent hail storm in the community they would not have it at this time, but would next year.

Mrs. Sarah Ellington Capps, wife of James Landon Capps gave to the church the communion service set in 1926. This is the one we use today.

A piano which was purchased from Mr. A. P. Barnes on September 1, 1922 with a balance due of \$120.00 was cancelled with the money going to the church to be used for the object most needed at the request of Mr. Barnes in the form of the following letter:

"To the members of Poplar Creek Baptist Church

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Owing to the fact that a great destructible hailstorm passed over your community and destroyed nearly the entire crops which you had in progress, I wish to make to the church a gift of the remainder of the account which I hold against you for a piano I sold your committee for the church. Balance due me is \$120.00. There are many of your members who had subscribed and paid their subscriptions, others who had not paid their pledges and others who wanted to help in paying this bill and had not subscribed. I am requesting all who had not contributed to this piano fund to pay this balance of \$120.00 into your church treasury as soon as you can and let

the church use it for the object most needed.

Very truly yours,

A. P. Darnes

On December 9, 1925 one of the church's faithful members passed away and it was agreed that her obituary of Mrs. George W. Wright be put into the minutes of the church on motion made by Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest who wrote this in memory of her. It was so done.

OBITUARY OF MRS. GEORGE W. WRIGHT

Mrs. G. W. Wright died at her home in Vance County on December 9, 1925 and was laid to rest at Poplar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery on December 11, 1925. A host of friends from far and near gathered to pay their tribute of love and respect to one who had served her day and generation after the manner of the Saints of old. Sister Wright (Fannie Rebecca Collins) was born at Winston-Salem, February 7, 1848. She was educated at Oxford College under the direction of J. H. Mills.

On December 6, 1865 she was married to Bro. George W. Wright and in 1866 was baptized into the fellowship of Poplar Creek Baptist Church. She became the mother of nine children, four of whom preceded her to the land of rest and five of whom, with their honored father, still survive. The home of these good people was always an open house to the servant of the King. From 1866 to the day of her death, God's Holy Book and the Biblical Recorder were the influences that created and controlled the atmosphere of their home, and what a joy it was to J. S. Stradley, R. H. Marsh and other pastors that came to her church to enjoy the calm assurance of this home.

It will be noted that her home was started just after that awful upheaval called the Civil War. Other fierce and trying political and religious upheavals came to her community and many were shaken to the extent of losing their bearings. Not so with this good woman. Through storm and trial that constituted the severest test, she maintained an equilibrium that was born of abiding faith in God. In body, mind, and Spirit, it could be said of her as of many great souls, she came through great tribulations. In the midst of trial and suffering however, no word of complaint was heard to come from her. On the contrary both in season and out of season, she bore herself with patience and dignity that was bound to convince those about her of the reality of an unseen helper. Coupled with these strong convictions and this beautiful spirit, was a readiness to spend and be spent in practical service to those about her. May a double portion of her spirit fall upon and abide in her loved ones and friends. And so may her life go and be

multiplied manifold in the lives of those who may come after her; for the world is in great need of such spirits and such lives. "She hath done what she could; therefore, well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C.

In 1926 Brother G. W. Wright, Sister H. B. Parrott and Brother J. L. Capps were asked to rewrite the church records as of February 1926.

On March 27, 1927 memorial services were held for Brother W. A. Critchor at 3:00 o'clock.

In April, 1927 the church having no separate classrooms decided to have some and they obtained enough curtain goods for curtains to partition off classrooms in the church.

June 7, 1929, Dr. Cullom, Rev. E. R. Nelson and a good many members of Poplar Creek and other friends met at the home of G. W. Wright to help him celebrate his 92nd birthday. Songs were sung, prayer was offered and short talks made. Brother Wright had planned to serve refreshments that night thinking his friends were to gather at a later hour. Mr. Wright was delighted but declined as delegate to the association for which they nominated him, due to his health. Mr. Wright died on March 8, 1930 at the age of 92. He was buried on Monday, March 10, 1930. Mr. Wright at his death was treasurer of Poplar Creek having served his church to his fullness. Dr. Cullom assisted by Dr. Ellis of Henderson and Rev. E. R. Nelson a former pastor, conducted Mr. Wright's funeral services. His death was followed in a few short weeks by that of his daughter Miss Mattie Wright and also in a short time by the death of Ida Burroughs, faithful colored servant for 40 years.

In December 1930, Dr. Cullom presented to Poplar Creek about 400 copies of "History of Poplar Creek Church," by Mrs. H. B. Parrott. Dr. Cullom himself was responsible for the publishing cost of these copies "with his tender love," a parting gift so to speak, as Dr. Cullom was resigning from the church as full time pastor. (See Chapter I for history).

In May, 1933 Poplar Creek lost another of its faithful and concerned members, Sister Mary Parrott, wife of Eugene C. Parrott after several years of declining health.

In July, 1933, Dr. Charles T. Ball who was raised in the community and has become very prominent in the Baptist denomination, preached the revival sermon for Poplar Creek.

April 1933, Poplar Creek lost one of its most outstanding and beloved

members, Mr. Amos Parrott, who died on Monday, April 30, 1933 about 4:30 in the afternoon. He was buried at Poplar Creek Cemetery two days later. "I wish that we might pause in this period of worship to think for a few moments of one who for more than twenty-five years occupied a place of confidence and trust in our beloved Church and Sunday School.

I refer to the life and death of Brother Amos G. Parrot; his life will be remembered in this community as long as this generation lives. It was a shining example of the place all of us hope to attain, in that it counted so much to his family, his community and his Church. His death was a distinct loss to us, because his death took from us a friend, a good worker and a dependable Christian gentleman. Few people have lived among us who made such a contribution to his community life; he was active in the affairs of his county, giving of his time and talent in helping to shape the policy of government; he was a great help in local gatherings offering suggestions which made each meeting a greater success and with his own hand made arrangements which were were wise and helpful.

We shall miss the good advice he had for us, we shall miss the part that he has played here, and our only consolation is that he was spared so long to help and advise. He was a faithful worker in his Church; at the time of his death he was serving on the board of Deacons, which is the highest office we as a church could bestow on a member. He felt it a duty to be at his church whenever services were being held, and in a remarkable way attended almost every service. We extend to his family our sympathy and love, and hope that his going will only prove a greater activity on their part to fill his place. We would like to have a copy of this resolution handed the family, a copy sent the Biblical Recorder, and a copy given for the permanent records of this church."

Mrs. Ferrell Hart
S. T. LeMay
Marvin Boyd
Committee

On the first Sunday in June 1936, Mr. Jack Howard of Greenville, N. C. made a talk on "Layman's Day," a movement made by the Flat River Association to be in our yearly services.

In 1937, the Women's Missionary Union of the church made some improving in the interior of the church. Walls refinished and shades provided for the windows at a cost of \$30.00

In September 1938, Mr. L. R. Ball, one of the oldest members and life-long member of the church died after a lengthy illness.

On June 11, 1939 the first marriage in 20 years at Poplar Creek took place between Miss Mildred Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Hart who became the bride of Nelson Bowden of New Bern, N. C., with Rev. W. D. Poe performing the ceremony.

In 1940 in the spring the missionary society of the church planted shrubbery in front of the church making it more attractive.

October 4, 1940 the 47th annual session of Flat River Association was held at Poplar Creek. This was the first time the church has been host church since 1913, 27 years ago.

In 1941 the oldest member of the church Mr. J. U. Fleming passed away, along with Mrs. P. E. Wilkinson, another oldest member. She and Mr. Fleming were brother and sister. Two more of the older members passed away, Mrs. L. R. Ball and Mrs. Ellen Parrott. These were four very active and dedicated members of the church.

Rev. John H. McCrimmons was pastor in 1943 while the church was in the field with West End and Middleburg Churches.

Many boys from the church and community served in the army during World War II from Poplar Creek. They were Carlyle Wright, H. B. Parrott, Jr., Amos Parrott, Cecil Capps, M. C. Boyd, William Ellington, Dorsey Fleming Hart, Melvin Boyd, Layden Greenway and John Capps. Several church members lost their lives in the war, Clifton Harris, Bernard Coley and Cleveland Greenway who was killed in November, 1944. Serving from the community were: Mac Arle Crews, Glen Harte, Seth Glover. Julian Greenway, a member of Harris Chapel Methodist Church, lost his life in the war also.

Mrs. J. U. Fleming passed away in 1944, one of the church's faithful members.

In June 1945, Mr. E. C. Brewer was ordained as Deacon. This year the church put on a new roof, and it also lost two more of its dedicated members: Mr. Garland Parrott and Mr. Eugene C. Parrott.

In October 1948, Rev. W. D. Poe who was the moderator of the Flat River Association for a good many years passed away.

In April of 1950 the interior of the church was improved by putting up new walls, new floors and the refinishing of the benches was started. Also in this same month, the members of the church along with our pastor Rev. Ray Hodges and Mr. Bill Pierson of Wake Forest, N. C., took a religious census in the community in connection with the Flat River Association. On the third Sunday night in April the church members met at the Dabney School due to the remodeling of the church. The church voted to try to raise the money for the remodeling job rather than borrow it from the bank.

In September the church had a secret ballot to elect two deacons, M. C. Boyd and Mr. Clarence Moore were their choice, and they were ordained on the second Sunday night in November

In February of 1951 we had joint revival services with the Dexter Church due to the fact that Dexter was being remodeled. Rev. Ray Hodges' uncle gave many selections of spiritual music. This revival was conducted in simultaneous revival held over the Southern Baptist Convention.

In March of 1952 Rev. W. J. Edwards became the pastor and was with us until the last of April 1955. Rev. Edwards left to become the Flat River Association Director. During his pastorate the church installed gas furnaces before the June Revival.

We had several supply pastors in September 1955. The church called Rev. E. T. Vinson as our pastor, and he was our pastor until October 1, 1959.

In October of 1955 the members began plans for an addition to the church and in February of 1956 they presented them to the church with approval. The contract was given to Mr. Morgan of Oxford, N. C. for two additional rooms on the front of the church and a vestibule and two rooms in the church with folding doors to be used as classrooms or additional space for services. The work was completed in April of 1956 at a cost of \$3722.00 and in October 1957 the church paid the debt in full. During this time the church members presented "Queen for a Day" at the Dabney School with the help of other members from the community.

In 1957 a secret ballot was held to elect two deacons and Conly Capps and Adrian Ball were elected.

In 1958 some more remodeling was done on the church with the building being painted and restrooms added at the back of the church. A well was also dug at this time. Mr. John Franklin was the contractor for this job. In June a cement walk was put across the front of the church at a cost of \$53.82.

In July the church sold some timber off the church property for \$275.00 and \$195.00 was used for the painting of the church.

Our church records show that there's a lot of history about our church that we do not realize. On August 9, 1959 it is written, "one of our faithful members, Mr. J. M. Capps, was buried today in our church cemetery. His presence in our church and community will be missed greatly."

On September 13, the wedding of Miss Patsy Ruth Moss to Mr. Billy Sims took place. And on September 27, 1959 the church presented to Rev. E. T. Vinson and wife a silver fruit bowl as this was his last service for the

church.

October 1960 on the 2nd the annual Homecoming for the church was observed as this was the 100th anniversary of the founding and establishing of Poplar Creek Church in the year of our Lord 1860. Our pastor Rev. Burnham delivered the sermon "The Model Church." Mrs. C. H. Greenway had written a small sketch about the past history of the church for this special occasion. This is found in part two of this booklet.

Rev. Millard Bennett was our supply pastor from March 18, 1961 until August 19, 1961, and on November 19, 1961 the church called Rev. Charles Parker as minister of the church which he served for several years and resigned to go to Lumberton, N. C. on May 11, 1965.

On December 31, 1961 a "Watch Service" was held at the church from 10 until 12 with a good attendance and refreshments served.

The church painted and installed carpet in April, 1962. This added so much to the appearance of the interior of the church. The progress of the church has indeed grown, but not without the help of the loyal members of Poplar Creek it would not have been possible.

Our church was host church to the Flat River Association on October 24, 1962, with the attendance of over 200 guests. The ladies of the church served Brunswick Stew, barbecue, potato salad and slaw, along with cakes, pies and drinks. The flowers for this occasion were furnished by Mrs. Frances Boyd Hayes in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Boyd, who were faithful members of this church.

On the 21st of October, 1962 at the regular services a pulpit Bible was presented to the church by Mrs. Ruth Boyd Greenway and family in memory of her husband Charlie Greenway, Sr. and her son Cleveland Greenway.

The church voted to buy a vacuum cleaner, since installing the new carpet, this would make it easier to clean and practical also.

Again in 1962-63 on New Year's Eve the church held a "New Year's Eve" service with a number of the church members attending.

On April 14, 1963 we again had the privilege of hearing Dr. W. R. Cullom, a dear Christian churchman, who served so long as pastor of the church.

Deacons were appointed by the pastor and approved to increase the number from 5 to 8. They are Amos Brewer, John Capps, and Adrian Dall, with Dr. Cullom installing these men in a service, "The Laying on of Hands.

Rev. Parker discussed buying two chairs and communion table for the church and in July 1963, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hayes gave the communion table in honor of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lucius F. Boyd, this being the first

time we had new pulpit furniture since the church was established. We agreed to sell the old ones to the highest bidder and the money to be used for partial payment of the new. This motion was later declined.

Homecoming was held with a former pastor bringing the message, Rev. W. J. Edwards, with approximately 180 members, friends and guests attending. Also in October a special dedication service was held for the new pulpit furniture: table by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hayes, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius F. Boyd, one chair by the LeMay family in memory of their father and deacon S. T. LeMay, another chair by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brewer in memory of Deacon and Mrs. Amos Parrott.

In this year, a book "The Cullom Lantern," written by James H. Blackmore was published on the life and events of Dr. W. H. Cullom, a long-time pastor of this church. A few of the members are mentioned in the book.

Easter service was a very special occasion for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parker as they became the parents of a son, Christopher. The church wishes the best for the parents and son. In May he was christened in the church, along with the Mother's Day program. This was a very meaningful event. Mrs. Johnnie Greenway was the oldest member, Mrs. Charles Parker, youngest, and Mrs. Amos Brewer sharing the honor with Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Adrain Ball with the most children.

Bibles were presented to the graduates of the church as this was started in July, 1960 with the presenting of the first Bible going to A. J. Ball. Since then they have been given to Pam Greenway, Jerry Moss, Kenneth Ball, Dennis Greenway and on this day went to Betty Crews, Jerry Capps, Gary Sparks, Jimmy Nutt with Mrs. Wilson Parrott in charge of this program.

The church was painted in 1964 for the Homecoming services, with many making the remark that it was very nice looking.

In April, 1965 we began to have Easter Sunrise Service at the church and have continued it together with other churches joining us--Harris Chapel and Rehoboth Methodist Churches, and having it at a different church each year.

Rev. Parker resigned as pastor of our church on May 11, 1965 and with deep regrets, the church remembered him and his wife with a going away gift of a silver tray.

Rev. Eugene Hawkins was pastor from July 4, 1965 to June 25, 1966; during this time he was married and brought his bride to be with us as church members.

Homecoming was held as usual but the time was cut short due to the

loss of one of our members, Miss Annie Ellington whose funeral was held at the church. Another one of our members Mrs. H. B. (Minnie) Hicks passed away at the age of 93 in 1966.

Rev. Hawkins was ordained at the Roxboro Baptist Church while he was our pastor on October 24, 1965.

Mrs. Goode Fleming gave us a very nice and useful gift of our present organ in loving memory of her late husband who was one of our church members. The dedication for this gift was held on July 10, 1966 with Mr. Amos Brewer, our Sunday School Superintendent presiding and special music was played by Mrs. Flossie LeMay, niece of Mr. Fleming.

Poplar Creek is a very small church but we have been very fortunate in obtaining some of the finest pastors to grace our pulpit. One such man was Rev. Norris Wilson who became our pastor in August 1966 and served in that capacity until his death on April 28, 1969. During his service this church acquired a microphone given by Mr. Louis Greenway; air conditioning was installed, and an outside bulletin board was installed in the churchyard. This was given by Mr. E. C. Brewer, Mr. Irvin Nutt, Mr. B. Mac Crews and Mr. Charlie LeMay.

A joint revival service was held with Harris Chapel Methodist Church starting April 13, 1969 with Rev. Andy Hall, pastor of Harris Chapel preaching the first three nights and Rev. Wilson the last three nights. On Sunday before the joint services, Rev. Wilson was stricken with illness that left him blind in one eye, yet he filled the pulpit those last three nights, and on April 28, 1969 Rev. Norris Wilson passed away at Duke Hospital after only a brief illness. Rev. Hall preached his service from our church and several of the members journeyed to Gaffney, S. C. for his services on May 1, 1969.

Rev. Richard J. Englert, Jr., became our pastor July 6, 1969 and served until May 30, 1971 at which time the church presented him with a painting of Poplar Creek Church as this was his first church he served.

Rev. John Phillips has been our supply pastor and on June 27, 1971 was called to full time pastor. Under his ministry we have done a great deal of improving in our church; with the addition of stained glass windows, each being given by a church family in memory or honor of loved ones; with dedication services held October 3, 1971 at annual Homecoming Sunday. We began a goal to add an educational building and in June, 1975, we gave the contract to Mr. Jimmy Knight, a member of the church, with the hope that it would be completed for Homecoming. Mr. Knight had our building ready

for use on Homecoming October 9, 1975. We are very proud of this building and it has held many church functions within our church as well as some other activities, with the first function being in the form of a Halloween Carnival for church members and visitors on October 31, 1975. This is to become an annual affair. The church organized an Acteen group, but for several reasons after a while it was disbanded with the hope that it may one day be reorganized. Our library was reorganized with Mrs. Elizabeth Parrott, Librarian and has added new materials and books.

On March 1977 at 9 o'clock a new steeple was added to our church which added much to the appearance of the church.

April 24, 1977 was the dedication Sunday for the refinished pews which were purchased in 1902 and the steeple. In November the members added cushions to the pews for the comfort of members. Our pastor made song racks and added them to the pews which were very much appreciated.

Aluminum siding was added to the original building and the church bought some outdoor equipment for the children and teenagers to use: basketball goal, volleyball net, balls and horseshoes.

In February 1978 the beautification committee recommended that the walls, ceiling and floors be refinished. This met with the approval of the church and also the addition of new hanging lights which we are so proud of. This was done with the help of members and one of our loyal and faithful members.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Lyman O. Wilkinson at a special spaghetti supper on February 1978, honoring him with love and appreciation from the church.

Flowers by the Acteen group were planted around the outdoor bulletin board, and the ground committee lowered the markers in the cemetery.

In 1979-1980 fiscal year the church did some more remodeling with adding a choir loft and baptistry; this was done through the generosity of loved ones, memorial fund and church members. On March 30, 1980 the church library caught fire with it confined to that room only, and only smoke-damaged the books. We are grateful for the quickness of one of our neighbors, Mr. S. O. Parham who informed us of this misfortune.

On April 13, 1980 the outdoor bell was completed and rung for the worship service by John Capps, Jr. Also step railings and new outdoor carpet added for the improvement and convenience of the members. We also took up the large shrubbery and planted smaller ones.

On August 17, 1980 dedication services were held for the choir loft and baptistry which were "Given to the Glory of God in honor of Lyman O.

Wilkinson, August 17, 1980." In the words of the above inscription our baptistry and choir loft will be dedicated to Lyman Brooks Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson became a member of Poplar Creek in 1912 when the Reverend E. R. Nelson was pastor. Mr. Wilkinson was born on September 16, 1896, to a family which had already been affiliated with Poplar Creek for many years. During the past several years his financial generosity has made a number of improvements possible for Poplar Creek. However his love for his church and his faithfulness have been even more important than his gifts. He is genuinely concerned for the spiritual growth and the loving fellowship of the members of his church. All of us owe him a debt of love and thankfulness.

Also on August 17, 1980 dedication services were held for the baptistry painting "Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Eugene C. Brewer, August 17, 1980." In the words of the above inscription the beautiful painting for our baptistry will be dedicated to Eugene Clifton Brewer. Mr. Brewer was a long-time member of Poplar Creek, a beloved leader and deacon. Although he was a Methodist before he became a Baptist, he was one of our most devoted and faithful members. He was born June 3, 1911 and died September 24, 1977. Mr. Brewer became a Baptist in 1943, some time after marrying Edna Earl Parrott, pianist for Poplar Creek at the time of their marriage. He became a deacon in 1945, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the deacons at Poplar Creek. Through his fine Christian example, his financial support, and his continuing interest in the development of his church, Mr. Brewer made a lasting and greatly appreciated contribution to Poplar Creek Baptist Church.

The painting of the mural in the baptistry was done by Mr. Charles Schwitzer, who has done many religious paintings and we are grateful that he was chosen to do ours. It leaves an inspiring message in one's self as he looks upon the painting.

Poplar Creek has made many improvements, additions and has in the future many things in mind. But let us remember that without the love and faithfulness of the members who have given time, effort, generous contributions to every project this would not have been possible. We look forward to a brighter future in love, friendship and Christian faith.

PASTORS

Rev. E. F. Beachum	1863-1866	Poplar Creek's first Pastor)	
Rev. J. L. Carroll	1866-1868	Rev. Dr. W. R. Cullom	1921-1933
Rev. J. A. Stradley	1868-1875	Rev. J. W. Davis	1933
Rev. F. R. Underwood	1878-1880	Rev. W. D. Poe	1941
Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh	1880-1894	Rev. John McCrimmons	1944
Rev. T. O. Hill	1894-1894	Rev. Talmadge Smith	1945
Rev. W. R. Cullom	1894-1902	Rev. B. M. Gordon	1949
Rev. A. D. Hunter	1902-1905	Rev. Ray Hodge	1950-1951
Rev. Herman T. Stevens	1906-1908	Rev. W. J. Edwards	1952-1955
Rev. J. A. Stradley	1909-1910	Rev. E. T. Vinson	1955-1959
Rev. E. R. Nelson	1911-1913	Rev. Jimmie Ournham	1960
Rev. H. G. Bryan	1913	Rev. Millard Bennett	1961
Rev. E. R. Nelson	1914-1916	Rev. Charles Parker	1961-1965
Rev. J. U. Teague	1917-1919	Rev. Eugene Hawkins	1965-1966
Rev. S. L. Morgan	1919-1920	Rev. Norris Wilson	1966-1969
Rev. E. R. Nelson	1920	Rev. Richard J. Englert, Jr.	1969-1971
Rev. John W. Phillips 1971			

Deacons and Deaconess of Poplar Creek Church 1858-1980

Adrian Jerome Ball, Sr., Chairman

James Conly Capps, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Adrian Jerome Ball, Sr.

Daniel Wayne Guin

* Lucius Fleming Boyd

* Mrs. Ferol Fleming Hart (Mrs. Dorsey)

Marvin Cullom Boyd

* S. S. Hicks

Rubin Marvin Boyd

* J. T. Holloway

Amos Clifton Brewer

* Stephen Thomas LeMay

* Eugene Clifton Brewer

* Clarence Broadus Moore

* J. E. Callis

Jerry Lee Moss

James Conly Capps, Sr.

* L. R. Parham

* James Landon Capps

* Amos Gooch Parrott

John Landon Capps

* Eugene Crawford Parrott

Barnes MacArle Crews

* Nelson Vernon Parrott

* Willie N. Critcher

* Charlie Gaston Patterson

* G. W. Ellington

* Thomas Patterson

* James Upsher Fleming

Billy Newcomb Simms

Larry Thomas Greenway

* Peyton Edwin Wilkinson

Louis Lanning Greenway

* S. Otha Wilson

* Deceased

BIBLES PRESENTED TO CHURCH MEMBERS

Since 1960 Poplar Creek has presented a personal engraved Bible to each member of Sunday School who graduates from High School in hopes that it will remind them of the love and concern that the Church has for them in the future as they go their separate ways.

1960	1973
Adrian Jerome Ball, Jr.	Philip Wade Guin
1961	1974
Pamela Faye Greenway	Robert Winston Crews
1962	John Michael Franklin
Jerry Lee Moss	Malcolm Allen Hedgepeth
1963	1975
Kenneth Bryon Ball	James Conly Capps, Jr.
Dennis Cleveland Greenway	Regina Sue Capps
1964	Lisa Mobley Phillips
Jerry Brooks Capps	1977
Betty Jean Crews	Donald Fleming Crews
James Norfleet Nutt	1978
Gary Sparks	Donna Karen Capps
1965	Eugenia Leigh Harris
Larry Thomas Greenway	Jonathan William Phillips
1966	1979
Lynda Faye Capps	Letha Ann Capps
Daniel Wayne Guin	Carolyn Ann Hedgepeth
Charles David Parrott	Christopher Ernst Wilson
1967	
John Richard Greenway	
1968	
Michael Randolph Ball	
Bobby Cullom Boyd	
Nancy Gayla Capps	
Gloria Patsy Hedgepeth	
1969	
John William Owen, Jr.	
1970	
Jackie Rose Greenway	
Thomas Jeffrey Greenway	
1971	
Allen Richard Ball	
Marvin Gray Boyd	
1972	
Gary Ronald Ball	
Ronnie Blake Moore	
Doris Rose Owen	
Joseph Cyrus Owen	

GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO CHURCH

1. Land for church given by Bazel Burroughs and John H. Wright, 24th of September, 1859.
2. Pulpit Bible presented to Poplar Creek Church by Isiah R. Fuller, May 8, A. D., 1860. (Rebound by church in 1977).
3. Library case bought by church in 1898 to organize a church library at a cost of \$11.35. It is still in use in the main sanctuary today.
4. In 1902 pews were purchased for church and refinished in 1977.
5. Wood from bookcase made by Merriman Parrish, no date but given before March 1914.
6. Communion service and collection plates given by Mrs. James Landon Capps, still in use for our services in 1980.
7. Piano purchased by church members, debt cancelled and given to church by A. P. Barnes in 1922.
8. In 1953 the church bought new gas furnaces to replace wood stoves.
9. In 1956 two new class rooms were added with a "Queen For A Day," held with many from neighborhood donating time and talent for this.
10. New pulpit Bible presented to church in memory of Charlie Greenway, by his wife Mrs. Ruth Greenway and also in memory of their son Cleveland Greenway, October 21, 1962.
11. Communion Table, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Fleming Boyd, by Frances Boyd and H. T. Hayes, 1963.
12. Pulpit chair, given in memory of Amos G. and Dora G. Parrott, by Edna P. and Eugene C. Brewer, 1963.
13. Pulpit chair, given in memory of Mr. Thomas LeMay, by wife Mrs. Verna F. LeMay and his family, 1963.
14. Pulpit given in memory of Dr. W. R. Cullom, by members of Poplar Creek Baptist Church, 1963.
15. Organ presented to church by Mrs. Goode Fleming in memory of her late husband, Goode Fleming, July 10, 1966.
16. Air conditioner donated by Harriet and Henderson Yarn Company, June 18, 1967.
17. Outdoor bulletin board given by Mr. E. C. Brewer, Mr. B. M. Crews, Mr. Charlie LeMay and Mr. Irvin Nutt, August 17, 1968.
18. Christ picture given in memory of H. B. Parrott, by daughter Mary Elizabeth Parrott Warren, no date.
19. Gold flower urn given by Susie Alston in memory of Mrs. Ola Boyd, no date.

20. Pulpit lamp given in memory of Nelson Parrott by Mrs. Kenton N. Parrott, no date.
21. Silver flower urn given in memory of Dorothy Nutt, April 12, 1909-May 9, 1970, by Patricia Nutt Curl and Irvin Y. Nutt.
22. In 1971 the Junior department collected bottles and sold dish cloths to purchase the American and Christian flags for the church. Members were: David Ball, Donna Capps, Donnie Crews, Eugenia Harris and Jonathan Phillips.
23. Stained glass windows added to church September 12, 1971 with members giving windows.
24. December 8, 1974, Mr. Louis Greenway gave the church a speaker system.
25. New Sunday School board purchased December, 1975, by church.
26. Mr. Jimmy Knight gave railings, storm windows, gutters with new addition in 1975.
27. Aluminum siding and steeple given by Mr. Lyman Wilkinson.
28. Louis Greenway gave water cooler for education building in 1975.
29. Church steeple was installed March 17, 1977 on a Thursday at 10:00 A.M., given by Mr. Lyman Brooks Wilkinson.
30. Bench bookracks donated by Rev. John W. Phillips, 1977.
31. Library bookcase made and given by David Parrott, 1978.
32. Hanging lights in church given by church members and Lyman B. Wilkinson in 1978.
33. Old pulpit refinished by Margaret and Louis Greenway in honor of their grandchildren, dated October 7, 1979.
34. Church bell given by Lyman Wilkinson with John R. Hedgepeth giving yoke, pole by Holden Oil Co., bolts and nuts by Harris Swain, installed April 10, 1980.
35. Small library table made from original church wood. Mr. Lyman Wilkinson had table made and gave to church, September, 1979.
36. Bible stand made and given to church by Rev. John W. Phillips, 1980.
37. Choir loft and baptistry given by church members and Lyman B. Wilkinson; dedicated to Mr. Wilkinson, August 17, 1980.
38. Memorial funds given in remembrance of Mrs. Hunter Harris, Hilman Moss, Eugene C. Brewer and Irvin Nutt by loved ones has made it possible for us to accomplish building of choir loft and baptistry. Painting in baptistry given by memorial funds and loved ones in memory of Mr. Eugene C. Brewer, dedicated to Mr. Brewer, August 17, 1980.
39. Glass on communion given by anonymous person.
40. Picnic table given by anonymous person.

WINDOWS-1977

1. In memory of Dora Greenway Parrott 1885-1956, Amos G. Parrott 1880-1933
Given by Eugene C. and Edna Parrott Brewer and Elizabeth G. and Wilson
Parrott.
2. In memory of Dorothy Parrott Nutt 1909-1970, given by Irvin Nutt, Sr.
and Jimmy Nutt.
3. In memory of Ferol Fleming Hart, 1894-1967, I. Dorsey Hart 1881-1966,
given by: Isabelle Hart Raynor, Mildred Hart Bowden and I. Dorsey Hart.
4. In memory of Florence Greenway Wright 1881-1962, George Seba Wright
1877-1966, given by the Seba Wright family.
5. In memory of James McElree Capps, 1896-1959, given by James Conly Capps
and John Landon Capps.
6. In memory of Bettie F. Wilkinson 1855-1941, Peyton E. Wilkinson
1857-1841, given by Lyman O. Wilkinson.
7. In memory of Mary Parrott Oall 1878-1941, Luther R. Ball 1868-1938,
given by the Luther R. Ball family.
8. In memory of C. C. Greenway, Sr., J. Cleveland Greenway, C. H. Greenway,
given by Mrs. C. C. Greenway, Sr.
9. Presented by Louis and Margaret Greenway and family.
10. Presented by Marvin and Gladys Boyd.

BENCHES -

1. Adrian and Pearl Ball
2. Mrs. Ruth D. Greenway, given by Dean and Audrey Honeycutt, 8-21-77
3. Regina, Donna, Letha and John Capps, Jr.
4. Dilly and Patsy Simms, 8-21-77
5. Given in memory of Peyton E. and Detty F. Wilkinson, by Lyman D. Wilkinson, June 26, 1977
6. Given in memory of Melvin T. Doyd by H. T. and Frances Doyd Hayes, June 26, 1977
7. Given in Honor of Jonathan and Lisa Phillips by John W. Phillips, August 21, 1977
8. Given in Honor of Mrs. Lily M. Phillips, by John W. Phillips, August 21, 1977
9. Given in memory of C. C. Greenway, Sr. by Mary Greenway and Hilman Moss
10. Given by Marvin and Gladys Doyd, December 25, 1977
11. Given by John and Sue Capps, August 21, 1977
12. Given in memory of Robert H. Harris by Jerry and Peggy Harris Moss, August 21, 1977
13. Given in memory of Mrs. Viola Fleming Satterwhite by Janie E. Satterwhite
14. Given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Fleming by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Coker
15. To my wife Ruth, for a long happy life, 1978, Sid W. Wilson
16. Given by J. Conly and Peggy Capps
17. Given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. LeMay by Charlie LeMay
18. Presented by Danny, Faye, Dean and Kevin Guin, 1978
19. Given by James Conly (Jimmy) Capps, Jr.
20. Given in memory of Melvin D. and Johnnie D. Greenway by children: Mrs. Juanita G. Guin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Parrott and M. D. Greenway, Jr.

CHURCH ROLL 1860-1980

Abbott, Lessey, Mrs.	Barnes, Alex
Adams, Anne	Barnes, B. C. (Carl)
Adams, C. A., Mrs.	Barnes, B. C. Jr.
Adams, Fannie	Barnes, Betty A.
Adams, Pattie E.	Barnes, Goode
Adcock, E. G.	Barnes, Hilman
Algood, Charley	Barnes, J. J.
Allgood, Clara Mae	Barnes, James (J.T.)
Allgood, Fannie	Barnes, Jane
Allgood, Sallie	Barnes, J. T.
* Averette, Sarah Parrott, Mrs.	Barnes, John W.
* Ball, Adrian Jerome Sr.(Deacon)	Barnes, Katie
Ball, Adrian Jerome, Jr.	Barnes, Lyman
* Ball, Allen Richard	Barnes, Luther
Ball, Ann	Barnes, M. (Mrs.)
Ball, Anne	Barnes, Melissa
Ball, B. F.	Barnes, Walter T.
Ball, Fannie Collins	Barker, Martha (see Glover)
Ball, Charlie T.	Barker, Mattie
* Ball, David Wayne	Barker, Molly Ellington
Ball, Dodson	Barker, Mollie Parham
Ball, Gary Ronald	* Beaman, Kay Woodard (Mrs. Tony)
Ball, Inez	* Beaman, Tony Lynn
Ball, James	Bobbitt, Arrey? S.
* Ball, Kenneth Bryon	Bobbitt, Mary Helen Capps (Mrs. T.V)
Ball, Lucy	Bowling, Mrs.
Ball, Luther R.	Bowling, Betty (Mrs. W.B.)
Ball, Mary Elizabeth McCann	Bowling, C. L.
Ball, Mary Parrott	Bowling, Charles
Ball, Martha Barker	Bowling, Charles, Mrs.
Ball, Maude Critcher (Mrs. Benjamin F.)	Bowling, J. W.
Ball, Myra	Bowling, Mary Jane
Ball, Marie (see Green)	Bowling, Richard
* Ball, Pearl Jackson (Mrs. Adrian, Sr.)	Bowling, William B. or P.
* Ball, Peggy Overton (Mrs. Kenneth)	Bowling, W. P.
* Ball, Michael Randolph	Bowden, Mildred Harte, Mrs.
* Ball, Vickie Roberson (Mrs. Randolph)	* Boyd, Bobby Cullom
Ball, William (Buster)	* Boyd, Fredia Aiken (Mrs. Grey)
Ball, William	* Boyd, Gladys Ellington, (Mrs. R.M.)

Boyd, Lucius Fleming (Deacon)	Callis, Lillie, Miss
* Boyd, Madge Marie	Callis, Lizzie Parham
* Boyd, Marvin Cullom (Deacon)	Callis, Pearl
* Boyd, Marvin Gray	Callis, R. L.
Boyd, Melvin	Callis, R. R.
* Boyd, Nellie Grey Barker (Mrs. M.C.)	Callis, Russell, Jr.
Boyd, Ola Ellington (Mrs. L.F.)	Callis, S. C.
* Boyd, Rubin Marvin (Deacon)	Callis, S. D.
Bradsher, Harold	Callis, Sally R.
Brame, Isabelle	Callis, Sam
Brame, Roberta Clark	Callis, Sophia H. Wright (Mrs. Richard E.)
Breedlove, Lena Patterson	Callis, Sue Barnes
Breedlove, Malissa	Callis, Terry, Mrs.
Brewer, Amos Clifton (Deacon)	Capps, Cecil Wyche
Brewer, Chippy Leigh	* Capps, Cynthia Jo Currin (Mrs. Jerry B.)
Brewer, Christopher	* Capps, Donna Karen
* Brewer, Edna Earl Parrott (Mrs. E.C.)	Capps, Edgar Leopold
Brewer, Eugene Clifton (Deacon)	Capps, Hubert Marshall
Brewer, Peggy Hester	* Capps, James Conly, Sr. (Deacon)
Brooks, Thelma Ball	* Capps, James Conly, Jr.
Burroughs, Robert	Capps, James Landon (Deacon)
Burton, Horace	Capps, James McElree
Callis, Alice	* Capps, John Landon, Sr. (Deacon)
Callis, Charles	* Capps, John Landon, Jr.
Callis, C. W.	* Capps, Jerry Brooks
Callis, D. E.	* Capps, Julian McElree
Callis, E. L.	* Capps, Letha Ann
Callis, E. T.	* Capps, Louise (now Belmonte)
Callis, Ella P.	Capps, Peggy Vaughan (Mrs. Conly)
Callis, Fannie Rebecca	Capps, Sarah Ann Ellington (Mrs. James Landon)
Callis, Harriett E. Ellington	* Capps, Sue Hayes (Mrs. John L., Sr.)
Callis, Henry	* Chappell, Myrtle Holloway
Callis, J. E. (Deacon)	Clark, Ella
Callis, J. Roy	Clark, Isabelle W. Parrish
Callis, Johnnie, Miss	Clark, J. L.
Callis, Katie E.	Clark, Lucy
Callis, L. B.	Clark, Mary L.
Callis, L. O.	Clark, R. J.
Callis, L. E.	Clarke, Alice H.
Callis, L. L.	Clarke, Amy

Clarke, Anna Fleming
 Clarke, Betty D.
 Clarke, Betty W.
 Clarke, Eugene
 Clarke, Mesakehie
 Clarke, J. E.
 Clarke, Mary F. Falkner
 Clarke, N. G.
 Clarke, Robert G.
 Clarke, Robert, Mrs.
 Clarke, Robert
 Clarke, Sarah Jane
 Clarke, Sarah Matthews
 Clarke, Shirley Parrott (Mrs. Gene)
 Clarke, Virginia F.
 Clarke, Wing
 Clarke, Z. R.
 Clarke, Z. R., Mrs.
 Coley, Bernard
 Coley, L. G.
 Clayton, Lol, Sister
 Clopton, Estella
 Clopton, Orraude, Sister
 Clopton, Maggie
 Clopton, Mattie Leona Weaver
 Clopton, Martha Hester
 Clopton, Willie
 Collins, Mrs.
 Collins, Martha A.
 Collins, Susan A.
 Cottrell, Sallie Mae (Mrs. Elvin)
 Cottrell, Mary Ellen (now White)
 * Crews, Barnes MacArle (Deacon)
 Crews, Betty Jean (now Cherry)
 * Crews, Donald Fleming
 * Crews, Nell Barnes (Mrs. Claude F.)
 * Crews, Nancy Winston (Mrs. Barnes
 * Crews, Robert Winston MacArle)
 Critcher, Brother
 Critcher, Allice, Miss

Critcher, Calvin
 Critcher, Casper
 Critcher, Earl
 Critcher, J. H.
 Critcher, J. H., Mrs.
 Critcher, Katherine Ellington
 Critcher, Leona
 Critcher, Lillie
 Critcher, Maggie (or Maggy)
 Critcher, Mattie
 Critcher, Murray
 Critcher, Robert
 Critcher, Robert, Mrs.
 Critcher, W. A.
 Critcher, W. H.
 Critcher, Willie N. (Deacon)
 * Crowder, Donnie Ray
 * Crowder, Jackie Rose Greenway (Mrs. Donnie)
 * Currin, Bernice Louise (now Lambert)
 Currin, Billie Y.
 Currin, Bob, Brother
 Currin, D. C.
 Currin, George
 Currin, J.W. or James, Brother
 Currin, Lucie
 Currin, Lucius
 Currin, Lucius, Mrs.
 Currin, Mary S.
 Currin, Nola Clements (Mrs. Hue)
 Currin, O. C.
 Currin, Oliver, Brother
 Currin, Oliver, Mrs.
 Currin, Pantherina Cheatham (Mrs. R.S.)
 Currin, R. M., Brother
 Currin, R. S., Brother
 Currin, Sallie
 Currin, Susie, Mrs.
 Della, colored girl belonging to David Stone
 Daniel, J.G., Brother
 Daniel, Tazzie Currin

Darnell, J. G.
Davis, J. H., Mrs.
Davis, L. P.
Davis, S. P.
Davis, W. H., Brother
Debnam, J. R.
Dickerson, John
Duke, W. D.
Edwards, Donald
Edwards, Sallie Wells, (Mrs. W.H.)
Ellington?
Ellington, Mrs.
Ellington, Algie
Ellington, Algie, Mrs.
Ellington, Ammy (Mrs. Hicks)
Ellington, Annie R.
Ellington, Batt
Ellington, Bevel
Ellington, Boyd
Ellington, Marvin (Bud)
Ellington, C. T.
Ellington, C. T., Mrs.
Ellington, C. W.
Ellington, Charles
Ellington, Christina
Ellington, D. B., Brother
Ellington, Drewry, Mrs.
Ellington, Eliza
Ellington, Elsie, Miss
Ellington, Ethel (now White)
Ellington, Fanny
Ellington, Frank
Ellington, Gona?
Ellington, G. W. (Deacon)
Ellington, H. G.
Ellington, H. M.
Ellington, Harry
Ellington, Herbert
Ellington, J. E., Mrs.
Ellington, James E.

Ellington, J. H.
Ellington, J. M.
Ellington, James
Ellington, James
Ellington, John Hill
Ellington, Jonas
Ellington, L. B.
Ellington, Lois Ellington (Mrs. Wallace)
Ellington, Louisa M. (Mrs. Meredith)
Ellington, Lucy A.
Ellington, Mary E., Mrs.
Ellington, Mary M., Mrs.
Ellington, Meredith G.
Ellington, Myra (now Harrison)
Ellington, Nancy
Ellington, Nannie Harris (Mrs. J.M.)
Ellington, Nola, Miss
Ellington, Patrick
Ellington, Patrick, Mrs.
Ellington, Roger
Ellington, Sadie, Mrs.
Ellington, Sallie, Sister
Ellington, Sidney
Ellington, Stella Hart, Mrs.
Ellington, Thomas
Ellington, Wallace
Ellington, William Lee
Ellington, Willie
Elliott, H. G.
Elliott, Lenfort
Elliott, Ruby Green
Elliott, Thorton
Elliott, William M. or Lee
Elliott, William, Mrs.
Englert, Elizabeth
Englert, Richard J. Jr., Rev.
Evans, C. F. or T.
* Farrow, Ruth Capps (Mrs. Thomas)
Finch, Ann
Finch, Brother

Finch, Eliza	Greenway, D. R.
Finch, J. W., Brother	* Greenway, Dennis Cleveland
Finch, John	* Greenway, Evelyn Clarke (Mrs. Charlie, Jr)
* Finch, Lisa Mobley Phillips (Mrs. Kim)	* Greenway, Gloria Currin (Mrs. Larry)
Finch or Finer, J. W.	Greenway, J. W.
Fleming, Fannie	Greenway, John Richard
Fleming, Goode	Greenway, Johnnie Barnes (Mrs. Melvin D. Sr
Fleming, Isabelle	Greenway, Kenneth
Fleming, James	Greenway, Laden
Fleming, James M. (Jim)	* Greenway, Larry Thomas (Deacon)
Fleming, John R.	* Greenway, Louis Lanning (Deacon)
Fleming, John W.	* Greenway, Melvin Dorsey, Jr.
Fleming, John Upsher (Deacon)	* Greenway, Margaret Boyd (Mrs. Louis)
Fleming, Lucy, Mrs.	* Greenway, Marie May (Mrs. Clarence)
Fleming, Minnie Talley, Mrs.	Greenway, J.
Fleming, Minnie Wilkinson (Mrs. James U.)	* Greenway, Ruth Boyd (Mrs. C.C.)
Fleming, Nancy	* Greenway, Thomas Jeffrey
Fleming, Sarah (Now Ellington)	Gregory, Cleveland
Floyd, J.	Gresham, Martha Ann
Floyd, Mary A.	Gresham, Mary Lucille
* Franklin, John Michael	Gresham, Polly
Fulcher, Arlene	Grissom, Durellie
Fulcher, Altron or Alaire	Grissom, India
Fulcher, Arch	Grissom, Lottie, Miss
Fulcher, George	Grissom, Martha Ann
Fuller, I. R., Brother	* Guin, Daniel Wayne (Deacon)
Gardner, Sylvia Lee Parrott George (Mrs. Charles)	* Guin, Juanita Greenway (Mrs. Wade)
* Glover, Wiline Womble (Mrs. Hayden)	* Guin, Lynda Faye Capps (Mrs. Daniel)
Gooche, Maggie	* Guin, Philip Wade
Green, Marie Ball	Hamm, Maxine Parrott (Mrs. Harold)
Green, Nancy D.	Harris, colored belonging to Brother John W. Barnes
Green, Stephen, Brother	* Harris, Alice Jean Brewer (Mrs. C. Y., Jr)
Green, Stephen, Mrs.	Harris, Betty A. Ellington
Greenway, C. C.	Harris, Clifton
Greenway, Cleveland	Harris, E. C.
Greenway, Clarence Coatney	* Harris, Eugenia Leigh
* Greenway, Charlie, Jr.	Harris, Sid or Gid
Greenway, Cullom Hardie	Harris, James H.

Harris, Harvey C.	Hester, Pearl, Mrs.
Harris, Hunter Fleming	Hester, Rebecca, Miss
Harris, L. L.	Hester, Sally
Harris, Sue	Hester, Sam
Hart, Carrie Patterson, Mrs.	Hester, Sue Turner, Miss
Hart, Chloe Parrott (Mrs. Dorsey)	Hester, Thelma, (Mrs. Roy Tippet)
Hart, Dorsey Fleming	Hester, William
Hart, Ferol Fleming (Mrs. Dorsey, Sr.)	Hester, William, Mrs.
Hart, I. Dorsey (Deaconess)	Hester, William H. Jr.
Hart, J. A.	Hester, Willie
Hart, J. A., Mrs.	Hicks, Joe, colored man
Hawkins, Albert Eugene	Hicks, L. L.
Hawkins, Rita Jane Fergerson (Mrs. Eugene)	Hicks, Lucy E.
Hayes, Frances Boyd (Mrs. H.T.)	Hicks, Minnie Parham (Mrs. H.B.)
Hedgepeth, Annie Laura (now Ellis)	Hicks, Nannie E.
* Hedgepeth, Barbara Weldon (Mrs. Gilbert)	Hicks, S. S. (Deacon)
* Hedgepeth, Carolyn Ann	Hicks, T. T.
* Hedgepeth, Charles Ball	Hicks, Franklin Wells, Mrs.
* Hedgepeth, Isabelle Ball (Mrs. Malcom)	Hight, Brother
* Hedgepeth, John Richard	Hight, Core E., Sister
* Hedgepeth, Malcom Allen	Hight, Katie, Mrs.
* Hedgepeth, Nancy Joyce	Hight, Margaret Wade, Mrs.
* Hedgepeth, Sandra Kaye	Hight, Ollie, Brother
* Hedgepeth, Thelma Strum (Mrs. John R.)	Hight, Ollie, Mrs.
Herseman, Betty Clarke	Hight, Thur H.
Herseman, R.	Hobgood, Maude
Hester, Bud L.	Holland, Edna (Mrs. Monnie)
Hester, Charles H.	Holland, Monnie C., Sr.
Hester, Charles R.	Holland, Monnie C., Jr.
Hester, G. N. or H.	Holland, Pamela
Hester, Galliam	Holloway, Ida Clarke
Hester, Louie	Holloway, J.T., Brother (Deacon)
Hester, Lucy	Holloway, John
Hester, Lucy, Mrs.	Hopkins, Henrietta (now Fuller)
Hester, lek?	Humphries, Beth (Mrs. Jack)
Hester, Margaret Wilkinson (Mrs. Frank)	Hunt, J. A.
Hester, Martha, colored girl	Hunter, Jennie, Sister
Hester, Myrtle Lee	Hunter, Jenny W. Barnes
Hester, Pattie, Miss	Jones, Lucy L.

Jones, P. T., Mrs.	Mise, Virginia (Mrs. J.P.)
Jones, T. L., Brother	Morgan, S. L., Rev., Pastor
Jones, T. S., Brother	Moore, Clarence Broadus, Sr. (Deacon)
Kelly, Chris	* Moore, Clarence Broadus, Jr.
Kelly, Jason L.	Moore, Essie Wortham (Mrs. C.B., Sr.)
Kelly, Mary G., Sister	* Moore, Hilda Foster (Mrs. Fred)
Kittrell, J. Lewellen	* Moore, Owen Waltz
* Knight, Jimmie C.	* Moore, Ronald Blake
* Knight, Linda (Mrs. Jimmie C.)	* Moore, Norma Laws (Mrs. Ronald)
Knott, D. V.	Moss Hilman
Knott, David W.	* Moss, Jerry Lee (Deacon)
Knott, Mary A.	* Moss, Mary Lee Greenway (Mrs. Hilman)
Knott, N. L.	* Moss, Peggy Harris (Mrs. Jerry)
Knott, W. T.	Munn, Sellair, Mrs. (Willie Mae Elliott)
Knott, William T., Brother	Murray, R.
LeMay, Alton Titus	McCann, W. C., Mrs.
LeMay, Annie Marshall	McCann, Elizabeth Adams (Mrs. William Calvin)
LeMay, Charlie Upshur	McCann, John Bazzell
LeMay, John Cullom	McCann, William Calvin
LeMay, Stephen Thomas (Deacon)	Nelson, E. R., Rev., Pastor
LeMay, Verna Fleming (Mrs. S.T.)	Newton, Martha
Lloyd, Nancy	* Newton, Marsha Campbell (Mrs. Robert)
Loyd, Lunsford	* Newton, Robert Lenwood
Long, Eunice Wells, Mrs.	* Newton, Sarah Charlene
Lucy, colored lady belonging to	Norwood, Gloria Hedgepeth (Mrs. Carlton Lee)
Mangum, Anna E.L. Parrish	Nutt, Dorothy Eunice Parrott (Mrs. Irvin, Sr.)
Mangum, Isabelle	Nutt, Irvin Wood, Sr.
Mangum, Letha	Nutt, Irvin Wood, Jr.
Mangum, Pleasant	* Nutt, James Norfleet
Mangum, W. P.	* Nutt, Maxine May Greenway (Mrs. Irvin, Sr.)
Mangum, William	Overby, Evelyn Harris
Mary, colored girl belonging to	Overton, Lula
Jason L. Kelly	* Owen, Irene Poythress (Mrs. John Sr.)
Marsh, R. H., Dr., Pastor	* Owen, John William, Sr.
Maynard, James	* Owen, John William, Jr.
Maynard, Sarah A.	* Owen, Joseph Cyrus
Maynard, Tabettha	Parham, A. C.
Merritt, Lizzie, Miss	Parham, A. C. Mrs.
Milly, colored girl belonging to	Parham, Anna
L.R. Parham	Parham, Asa C.
Mise, Jarvis P.	

Parham, Belle	Parham, P. C. Brother
Parham, C. A.	Parham, Pattie Callie (Mrs. P. C.)
Parham, C. A., Brother	Parham, R. C.
Parham, Charles	Parham, Raymond
Parham, C. G.	Parham, Robert
Parham, C. H., Sister	Parham, Sally A.
Parham, C. W.	Parham, Sam, Sister
Parham, Daisy Kelly (Mrs. Thomas)	Parham, Samuel
Parham, Emma Hunt, Mrs.	* Parham, Samuel Oliver
Parham, E. T.	Parham, Sarah K.
Parham, Frank E.	Parham, Tazzie (Watson)
Parham, Hallie	Parham, Thomas Benton
Parham, Harriet	Parham, Thurston S.
Parham, Henry C.	Parham, Tom
Parham, J. D.	Parham, W. A.
Parham, J. H.	Parham, W. T.
Parham, J. J.	Parker, Charles B. Jr. Rev.
Parham, J. J., Mrs.	Parker, Gracie (Mrs. Charles B.)
Parham, J. P.	Parker, J. J.
Parham, Jas. L.	Parrish, Amy W.
Parham, James A.	Parrish, Elba
Parham, James L.	Parrish, Harriet Ellington (Mrs. Elba)
Parham, Jane L.	Parrish, Harting L.
Parham, Jannette, Sister	Parrish, Isabelle U.
Parham, Jasper Wayland	Parrish, L. A., Mrs.
Parham, Jodie	Parrish, L. L.
Parham, Julia	Parrish, Lucy A., Miss
Parham, L. A.	Parrish, Lucy E., Miss
Parham, L. A., Mrs.	Parrish, Mary M.
Parham, L. Luther	Parrish, Martha
Parham, Laurene	Parrish, R. K., Mrs.
Parham, Lillie	Parrish, Sally A.
Parham, L. R., (Deacon)	Parrish, W., Mrs.
Parham, Lucy K., Mrs.	Parrott, Amos
Parham, M. Z.	Parrott, Amos Gooch (Deacon)
Parham, Maria	Parrott, Carl Amos
Parham, Molly	* Parrott, Charles David
Parham, O. H.	Parrott, Dora Eunice Greenway
Parham, P. A. Brother	Parrott, Eugene Crawford (Deacon)

Parrott, Eugene Crawford, Mrs.	Patterson, Martha
* Parrott, Elizabeth Greenway (Mrs. Wilson)	Patterson, Martin Charlie
Parrott, Elbert	Patterson, Mary Wells Knott
Parrott, Ellen Frazier	Patterson, Ollie
Parrott, Ernest Nelson (Sonny)	Patterson, Sam
Parrott, Fannie Louise (Hobgood)	Patterson, Thomas (Deacon)
Parrott, Frank Augustus	Patterson, Zeb
Parrott, Garland Titus	* Paynter, George Robert
Parrott, Helen	Perry, A. C., Mr.
Parrott, Henry Buxton, Sr.	Perry, A. C., Mrs.
Parrott, Henry Buxton, Jr.	Perry, C. C.
Parrott, Julie (Mrs. Oliver Brewer)	Perry, C. W.
Parrott, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. James Warren)	Perry, C. W., Mrs.
Parrott, Nelson Vernon, (Deacon)	Perry, Lizzie
Parrott, Peggy	Perry, Mary
Parrott, Shirley Elizabeth (now Clarke)	Perry, Ressie
Parrott, Sarah Cornelia Wilson, Mrs.	* Phillips, John William Rev. (1980 Pastor)
Parrott, Sarah Elizabeth Capps (Mrs. H.B. Sr.)	* Phillips, Jonathan William
Parrott, Sophie Capps (Mrs. H.B., Sr.)	* Phillips, Lily Mobley (Mrs. John W.)
* Parrott, Soloman Wilson	Raynor, Isabelle Hart (Mrs. Emmett)
Patterson, Amanda	Reavis, Louise Harris (Mrs. Robert)
Patterson, Betty Clark, Mrs.	Reavis, Mary
Patterson, Bob	* Reese, Phyllis O'Neal (Mrs. Marvin)
Patterson, C. G., Mrs.	Riggins, Ella
Patterson, Carrie (Mrs. Fred Cottrell)	Robberson, Elizabeth, Mrs.
Patterson, Charlie Gaston (Deacon)	Robberson, Enda Gresham
Patterson, C. Gib, Mrs.	Robberson, Harry
* Patterson, Charles Gaston, Jr.	Robberson, Sally M.
Patterson, Carrie, Miss	Robberson, Mrs.
Patterson, Elizabeth	Roberson, Annie Bell, Miss
Patterson, Fannie	Roberson, Allie (or Algie) Mrs.
Patterson, Gib	Roberson, Allie
Patterson, James	Roberson, Bell
Patterson, James	Roberson, C.
Patterson, Joash	Roberson, Claude
Patterson, John W.	Roberson, C. W.
Patterson, Lens (Mrs. Calvin Breedlove)	Roberson, C. W., Mrs.
Patterson, Lucy	Roberson, Charles
Patterson, Maggie F., Miss	Roberson, Charles, Mrs.
	Roberson, E. W.

Roberson, E. W., Mrs.	Singleton, Lizzie, Sister
Roberson, Florence	Sparks, Gary
Roberson, Mary A.	* Sparks, Pamela Greenway (Mrs. Michael)
Roberson, Maud, Miss	* Simms, Billy Newcomb (Deacon)
Roberson, Newman	* Simms, Patsy Ruth Moss (Mrs. Billy)
Roberson, Numa	Smith, Dorothy Jean Terrell (Mrs. Jessie)
Roberson, R. C.	Smith, Jessie (Butch) Jr.
Roberson, W. H.	Stainback, E. T., Mrs.
Roberson, W. H., Mrs.	Stainback, Frank
Robertson, Edward Lee	Stainback, Marvin
Robertson, Roger	Stainback, Pattie
Robinson, Bennie	Stanton, Maude Hobgood, Mrs.
Robinson, Cleveland	* Strickland, Danny Bryant
Robinson, David	* Strickland, Nancy Gayla Capps (Mrs. Danny)
Robinson, Ellen Lee, Mrs.	Stone, Della, (belonging to David Stone)
Robinson, Melvin	Stone, Rosetta, (belonging to David Stone)
Robinson, Roosevelt	Strum, Almond
Robinson, W. C.	Strum, Mary A.
Robinson, W. C., Mrs.	Sykes, Maxine Bobbitt (Mrs. Ralph)
Rosette, (colored girl belonging to David Stone)	Teague, J. U., Rev. Pastor
Rowland, Ida A. Fuller (Mrs. Presley)	* Testerman, Jean Smoke (Mrs. Lee)
Rowland, Presley E.	* Testerman, Joseph Bradley
Satterwhite, Bettie, Mrs.	* Testerman, Lee Wayne
Satterwhite, Emma	* Testerman, Treva Lee
Satterwhite, Jack	* Tharrington, Doris Owen (Mrs. Garland)
Satterwhite, James	Thomas, Alma
* Satterwhite, Janie Elizabeth	Thomas, B. W., Mrs.
Satterwhite, Olma M. Fleming (Mrs. Walter)	Thomas, Edward
Satterwhite, Sallie, Mrs.	Thomas, Nancy
Satterwhite, Walter Mitchell (Sunday School member)	Thomas, Wilson
* Seaborn, Mary Frances Fulbright (Mrs. John)	Tucker, Mary E.
Shalton, John	Tucker, Elizabeth
Short, Sister	Upchurch, C. A., Rev. Pastor
Short, James A.	* Van Dyke, Pauline Ellington
Short, John	Wade, Donnie L.
Short, J. W.	Wade, Lucy, Mrs.
Short, J. W., Mrs.	Wade, Margaret, Miss
Short, Linwood	Wade, Mary E., Mrs.
Short, Sallie, Mrs	Wade, Sudie, Sister

Watkins, Bill	Williford, Ollie
Watkins, Mary (Mrs. Bill)	Williford, Irie or Ira
Weaver, Charles	Williford, Martha (Mrs. Otha Hicks)
Weaver, Druntin	Williford, Mary E., Mrs.
Weaver, Geneva, Mrs.	Williford, Pauline (Mrs. Ira)
Weaver, Mattie Leona, Mrs.	Williford, Thomas
Wells, Eunice, Miss	Wilson, Amelia
Wells, Franklin	Wilson, L. O., Mr.
Wells, Guy	Wilson, Myrtle
Wells, H. B.	Wilson, Nannie
Wells, Lucy, Miss	Wilson, Norris, Rev., Pastor
Wells, Paul	Wilson, Ronnie
Wells, Sallie	Wilson, S. Otha (Deacon)
Wells, Vivian	* Wilson, Sidney Woodrow
West, Etta Greenway (Mrs. Spencer)	Wilson, Thelma (Mrs. Norris)
West, Spencer	Wilson, W. H.
West, W. S. Brother	Wilson, W. H., Mrs.
West, W. S., Mrs.	Woodlief, Aljheur or Alphus
Wiggins, Frances, Mrs.	Woodlief, Estelle Ball (Mrs. Charles)
Wiggins, Labon A.	Woodlief, Ella
Wiggins, Mary, Mrs.	Woodlief, June, Mrs.
Wiggins, Martha, Mrs.	Woodlief, Martha G., Mrs.
Wilkinson, Allie P., Brother	Woodlief, Rufus
Wilkinson, A. P., Mrs.	Woodlief, Rufus, Mrs.
* Wilkinson, Bailey Thurman	Woodlief, Thomas
Wilkinson, Betty Fleming, Mrs.	Woodlief, William
Wilkinson, Ed. S.	Woodlief or Woodley, Thorn
Wilkinson, Eddie	Wrenn, G. L. ?
Wilkinson, Elizabeth	Wrenn, Mollie
Wilkinson, Eva Jewel	Wrenn, Nancy
Wilkinson, Hannah, Mrs.	Wright, A. J.
* Wilkinson, Katy (Mrs. Latt R.)	Wright, A. J. Brother
* Wilkinson, Lyman Brooks	Wright, B. F., Mrs.
Wilkinson, P. E., Mrs.	Wright, Betty, Mrs.
Wilkinson, Peyton Edwin (Deacon)	Wright, C. P., Brother
Wilkinson, Sallie Miller, Mrs.	Wright, C. P.
* Wilkinson, Vallie Joyner Puckett (Mrs. Bailey)	Wright, Drulla, Mrs.
Williams, E. G. Sister	Wright, Elizabeth Wilkinson (Mrs. Owen)
Williamson, W. H., Mrs.	Wright, Fannie Rebecca Collins (Mrs. G.W.)
Williamson, W. H. Brother	Wright, G. S.

Wright, G. W.
 Wright, G. W., Mrs.
 Wright, George
 Wright, George Seba
 Wright, H. L.
 Wright, Huber M.
 Wright, Huber M., Mrs.
 Wright, Harriett, Mrs.
 Wright, Hattie S.
 Wright, Heddy
 Wright, J. K., Brother
 Wright, Jackaline J.
 Wright, Jenny M. Callis
 Wright, J. S.
 Wright, James H.
 Wright, John H.
 Wright, John L.
 Wright, L. R.
 * Wright, Latham Raymond
 Wright, Lucy, Mrs.
 Wright, Lydia
 Wright, Mary
 Wright, Mary (Mrs. Seba C.)
 Wright, Mattie, Miss
 Wright, Mildred H., Mrs.
 Wright, Norris
 Wright, S. C.
 Wright, Sally C., Mrs.
 Wright, Seba Carlyle
 Wright, Sophie, Mrs.
 Wright, Sophie, Miss
 Wright, Sudie West, Mrs.
 Wright, Tommie, Mrs.
 Young, Ellen, colored girl
 Young, Pheby, colored girl
 Yow, Lucy Wells, Mrs.

* 1980 Members

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

1979-1980

Nursery through Intermediates

	Young People	Adults
Garry Ball		Adrian Ball
David Ball	Peggy Ball	Pearl Ball
Ryan Ball	Vickie Ball	Conly Capps
Scott Ball	Kay Beaman	John Capps
John Barnes	Tony Beaman	Peggy Capps
Michael Beaman	Fredia Boyd	Sue Capps
Christopher Boyd	Gray Boyd	D. Mac Crews
Madge Marie Boyd	Cynthia Capps	Nancy Crews
Michael Boyd	Jerry Capps	Mrs. Nell Crews
Cindy Marie Capps	Jackie Crowder	Louis Greenway
Donna Capps	Gloria Greenway	Margaret Greenway
John Capps, Jr.	Larry Greenway	Juanita Guin
Letha Capps	Danny Guin	Barbara Hedgepeth
Stephanie Capps	Faye Guin	Rev. John Phillips
Carla Chapman	Jerry Moss	Lily Phillips
Mark Crowder	Peggy Moss	Dilly Simms
Brad Greenway	Frances Seaborn	Patsy Simms
Orian Greenway	Pam Sparks	Lyman D. Wilkinson
Dean Guin	Jean Testerman	
Kevin Guin	Lee Testerman	
Carolyn Hedgepeth		
Nancy Hedgepeth		
Sandra Hedgepeth		
Amy Moss		
Stephen Moss		
Charlene Newton		
Neal Newton		
Vera Paynter		
Michael Seaborn		
Michael Sparks		
Brad Testerman		
Treva Testerman		

POPLAR CREEK TO HAVE "QUEEN FOR A DAY"

Poplar Creek Baptist Church will present "Queen for A Day," on Wednesday evening June 6, at 8 o'clock at Dabney High School with an all male cast.

The cast of characters is as follows: Badger Hicks, Louis Greenway, Lynn Barker, Wilson Parrott, Tom Greenway, Adrian Ball, H. T. Hayes, Wade Guin, I. D. Hart, Gene Clark, C. Y. Harris, Jr., Irvin Nutt, Cyrus Johnson, Hilman Moss, A. D. Green, Eldridge Vinson, Cecil Capps, John Capps, Sonny Parrott, M. D. Greenway, Nelson Parrott, Irvin Nutt, Jr., A. J. Ball, M. C. Moyd, Amos Brewer, Sam Harper, Henry White, Gene Brewer, Conly Capps, Albert Abbott, Marvin Boyd, A. D. Glover, William Dickerson, J. Furman Satterwhite and Clarence Greenway.

Judges will be Lyman Wilkinson, Harry Wright, Frank Hicks, W. C. Clay, Jr., and Forest Ellington. The auctioneer will be Sidney Fuller.

A cake auction will be held at intermission.

Copied from Henderson Daily Dispatch, June 4, 1956.

Each Sunday morning at 10:00 a big blue automobile pulls into the small churchyard of the little church I serve. A well-dressed Christian lady and her daughter step out and walk to the church for Sunday School. If one looks closely behind them he is able to spot my most faithful church member. He comes padding in on four feet and though he is getting on in years he is spry and bright for his well worn age. On his small body are scars and sometimes he seems stiff from old battle wounds inflicted by sometimes larger "friends" of his species in the neighborhood. Hard-tail is his name and I would not seek to hide the obvious fact from you that he is a "dog" in the finest sense of the word. What kind of dog is he? This is a difficult question and my instant answer would be that he is of the "Heinz 57 Variety" or a mixture of many. Though Hard-tail is almost certainly beyond classification he is my most faithful church member to date.

Serving as a student pastor in a rural church can be an interesting and rewarding experience. If a young man keeps his eyes open he can meet and be enriched by acquaintance with wonderful and unusual Christians. Hard-tail is indeed an unusual and set-apart "Christian Canine." My first meeting with this canine, who "darkens" our doors often, was on the third Sunday of my ministry there. I had been accepted after two trial sermons and was anxious to meet the approval of the church. Hard-tail had been attending church services but evidently he had not been too attentive to my previous messages. This Sunday he came forward for closer inspection just as I was halfway through my second point. He ambled down slowly and with dignity to settle down to the right of the front pew in the aisle. Amazingly, he did not take his siesta there but his eyes were open and he politely seemed to be listening. I think it is in order to say that I half expected him to utter a doggy "Amen," but he did not and I hope this lack of oral approval does not voice his disapproval. Fortunately, he has been faithful since and attending regularly but as of late, there has been a rumor that Hard-tail may be a bit discontented. It seems that he is somewhat disgruntled over not having received his Sunday School pins and is threatening the transferral of his membership. I was somewhat concerned but I chalk it up to utter misunderstanding since humans have a difficult time translating the peculiar canine language which he and all of his friends use.

One Sunday after the preaching service, I ventured to ask his master and keeper as to why they named him Hard-tail. She quickly indicated to me that this question could best be answered if at sometime I would stand near Hard-tail when he is feverishly happy about something or being petted by a close friend. I quickly got the long and the short of the whole tale and wondered no more as to why he was thusly named because some can relate experiences concerning being battered by this southern tip of my most faithful church member.

Needless to mention perhaps, is the lesson which Hard-tail can teach us concerning the stewardship of our time. The rain, snow, nor hot weather does not keep him away. Consequently, he does not need to make excuses concerning why he was not there "this and that Sunday." As to my ministry to Hard-tail, he is not one to be overlooked and he loves an encouraging pat. He neither complains nor gossips, but greets each one as a Christian brother with a tilt of his head and a waggy interest.

Written by a former pastor--Charles Parker 1961-1965.

STEWARDSHIP

(From a North Dakota newspaper)

I own some good North Dakota land. It is mine. I have a deed in my bank box that says so. A lawyer, my neighbor, and all people will tell you it's mine. It is mine for all human purposes.

But, being a Christian farmer, I know better. It's really God's land. I'm just keeping it for Him. This fact makes me different from all farmers who are not believers in Jesus. I must farm the way He would have me farm.

God is a generous landlord. He furnishes me the land, the seed, the sun, the rain, the health and strength to farm, and then gives me the whole crop to do with as I please. God surely gets the short end of that business deal. But that's not all. He gives me the right to sell out or to pass this land on to my sons when I enter the heaven which he has prepared for me through Jesus, the Son of God, my Savior from sin. You see this land I farm for God has come to me in just such manner from Grandpa to Dad to me.

My church of course is responsible for teaching me the ways of Christian farming. I can see its steeple from my home. It towers high over endless plains that extend from horizon to horizon. It is the center of our community. Here I was baptized, and here my sons were baptized, and God willing, they will attend our Christian day school.

Our church stands 13 miles north of Minot, in the midst of a farming community--grain farming--big farming. The biggest tractors on wheels, the biggest combines, and the biggest tillage implements are found on almost every farm. The machinery has to be big to farm big farms, and the farms have to be big to support a family because this is dry land farming.

Our average annual rainfall is only about 16 inches. If our gracious heavenly Father gives us almost all of it during the growing season, then the crops are well on the road toward a fine yield provided they are not struck down by rust, knocked down to the ground by the sawfly, eaten up by grasshoppers, crowded out by weeds, or beaten by hail or wind. But when our rainfall is short during the growing season, the crops wilt, become stunted, and the kernels shrink.

Of course, the crop is still not a sure thing when it ripens abundantly. It must be swathed--that is, cut down and laid in rows around and around the field. The grain must lie in the swath about a week to dry. During this period wind can easily blow the swaths away, or rain can pound the swath to the ground, which will cause the seed to germinate and grow.

Hail can pound the seeds out of the head so that they cannot be saved. Any precipitation will cause the seeds to bleach (losing their fine color and lowering of the test weight);

After the grain has been swathed and is adequately dry, the combine picks up the swath and threshes out the seed. The seed is stored in a granary and later sold.

This deed crop, when sold, is the only pay check of the year for us. On it hinges our year's labor, and oil and gas bills, our machinery repairs and depreciation, our tithe and some of our dreams.

If God should see fit to give us a good crop this year, it means our church will prosper, and perhaps we can help our congregation put running water in our fully self-supporting Christian day school. Perhaps we can put running water in our house; perhaps add a room to our house, which we need so badly; perhaps pay off some of my debt for machinery.

I'm sure you see a farmer's fate is so realistically dependant upon our gracious God. From the time of Jesus' resurrection at Easter, when the grass also begins to come to new life again, and throughout the year our life needs be a life of prayer. We pray that no hazards would fall upon our crop if it would so be God's will. We pray for a dry harvest season. We pray for a good price, and pray for the strength and health to get our work done in season, and we pray that society will distribute the food we produce to hungry people. If the crop is good, Gladys, my wife, and I pray that we may use it wisely to His glory. If the crop be poor, we ask the way to take it lightly and carry on successfully. After all, the crop is God's and He can surely do with His own as He pleases.

But winter is the time for relaxation and for exercise of the mind. Sometimes we take a trip as we did to the Gulf Coast for two weeks in 1953. In 1952 I took some classes at the college in Minot. Last winter Gladys and I worked on some Correspondence Courses. We read a great deal during the winter and usually spend some time doing repairs on the house that can be done indoors. I milk a few cows, and haul grain, and repair some machinery that can be repaired indoors.

Of course, our winters are sometimes quite severe this far north, but we thoroughly enjoy them just as we do the summers. When snowed in for a few days, one enjoys a solitude, a privacy, and a meditative atmosphere that a city dweller can never experience. When the wind blows and the snow drifts the roads shut, you can easily imagine the face of God sending forth just a small portion of His almighty power and with it so simple transcending the powers and plans of egotistical man. And then when the

sun shines through--such beauty--bright sun on glistening snow. Then you see your neighbors again, talk with them, and appreciate people and friends as God would have us do, but which we do so seldom.

Our gracious God has surely given us farmers an enjoyable way of life. We work close to nature, through which God so clearly manifests Himself day to day. Our family can work together in the kind of atmosphere we ourselves build, because we have little interference from the world and wicked people in the world. It is comparatively simple for us to choose Christian friends for ourselves and for our children. We are our own boss, and though we always have work to do, it is still possible for us to leave for a time if we so desire. And all the while we work on the farm we derive a certain satisfaction in that our efforts are directed at growing food for people.

Fully realizing that God gives me as a farmer so much, I understand that of me much shall be expected. Since it is God's land I farm, I must surely take care of it as He would have me do. That means carrying out good soil management and conservation practices so that it will not wash down the river, blow away in the wind, or be "mined" for my personal profit. God has entrusted to me a portion of that soil on which all life depends to use to His glory in a manner that will witness to my neighbors how God would have his land operated.

This is one way I can be a witness for my Savior. To everyone driving down the road past my land that land should witness that it is being farmed as a good steward of God would farm it.

I can be a witness to Him also of course, as every Christian can, by talking about my Savior with all the persons I meet. As a farmer I know something about many skills that can be used for the upkeep and good appearance of my church property. My contribution to a well-kept church and grounds is a part of my witness for Him. When my tractor stands idle on Sunday morning in busy season, that is a part of my witness. My offering on Sunday morning, that is part of my witness, and so are the duties I undertake for my church, my community, and my farm organizations.

I thank God for the privilege of letting me live on the land, that powerful land through which God performs year in and year out the miracle of making food for millions from decayed seeds.

Heavenly Father, show me always that this earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Make me a farmer who walks with God.

History of Poplar Creek Baptist Church

Part II

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BY LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

The following special rules are for the guidance and government of Poplar Creek Baptist Church, revised 1980.

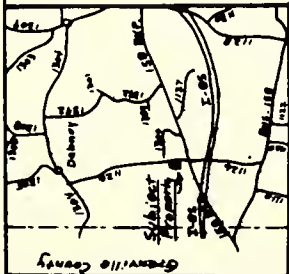
1. It shall be the duty of every member to promptly and regularly attend all business meetings.
2. The Pastor of the Church shall be its moderator, but in his absence the Chairman of the Deacons shall serve as moderator.
3. All questions regarding the receiving and dismissal of members shall be by unanimous vote. All other items of business, except the calling of the Pastor, shall be by a majority vote.
4. The Pastor of the Church shall be called at a regular business meeting, upon a two weeks notice, and by a three-fourth vote of members present.
5. All Sunday School and Church Officers, and standing committees, except Deacons, shall be elected annually in September and assume office the first Sunday in October.
6. Deacons shall be elected by the Church as needed from among members in good standing, of faithful attendance, and regular support to the Church.
7. The clerk shall keep a true account of the proceedings of each meeting, take charge of all records, and keep a roll of the members indicating the time and manner of reception and the date of death or dismissal of every member.
8. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be observed quarterly.
9. As a matter of Christian benevolence the Church shall support financially state and southern Baptist institutions and missions.
10. These By-Laws may be changed by a majority vote at any regular business meeting provided three months notice has been given.

11. Cemetery Rules adopted February 17, 1980.

- a. Plots will be 8 feet by 10 feet for two people.
- b. Only members who are members at the time of their death and their children (one generation only) may be buried in the cemetery.
- c. Husbands or wives of those already buried may be buried with their spouse.
- d. Plots will not be given to anyone else, except members.
- e. Plots will be laid off in the spring of 1980 with brick corner markers.

12. Resolved:

- a. That it is the sense of this church that non-resident members should take their letters to a church that they can attend.
- b. That, when for special reasons brethren prefer to leave their membership with us in some way we expect them to communicate with us at least once a year and to assist in bearing the expenses of the church.
- c. That, when such non-resident members shall have gone for a year without cooperation with the church in any way, it shall be the duty of the clerk to so inform the church and let the church do all in its power to bring such members into cooperation with us.



LOCATION MAP
(Not to Scale)

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- NIP New Iron Pipe
 - EIP Existing Iron Pipe
 - R/W Right of Way
 - C Center Line
 - P Property Line

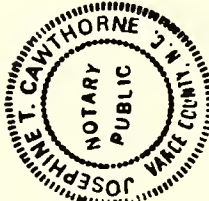
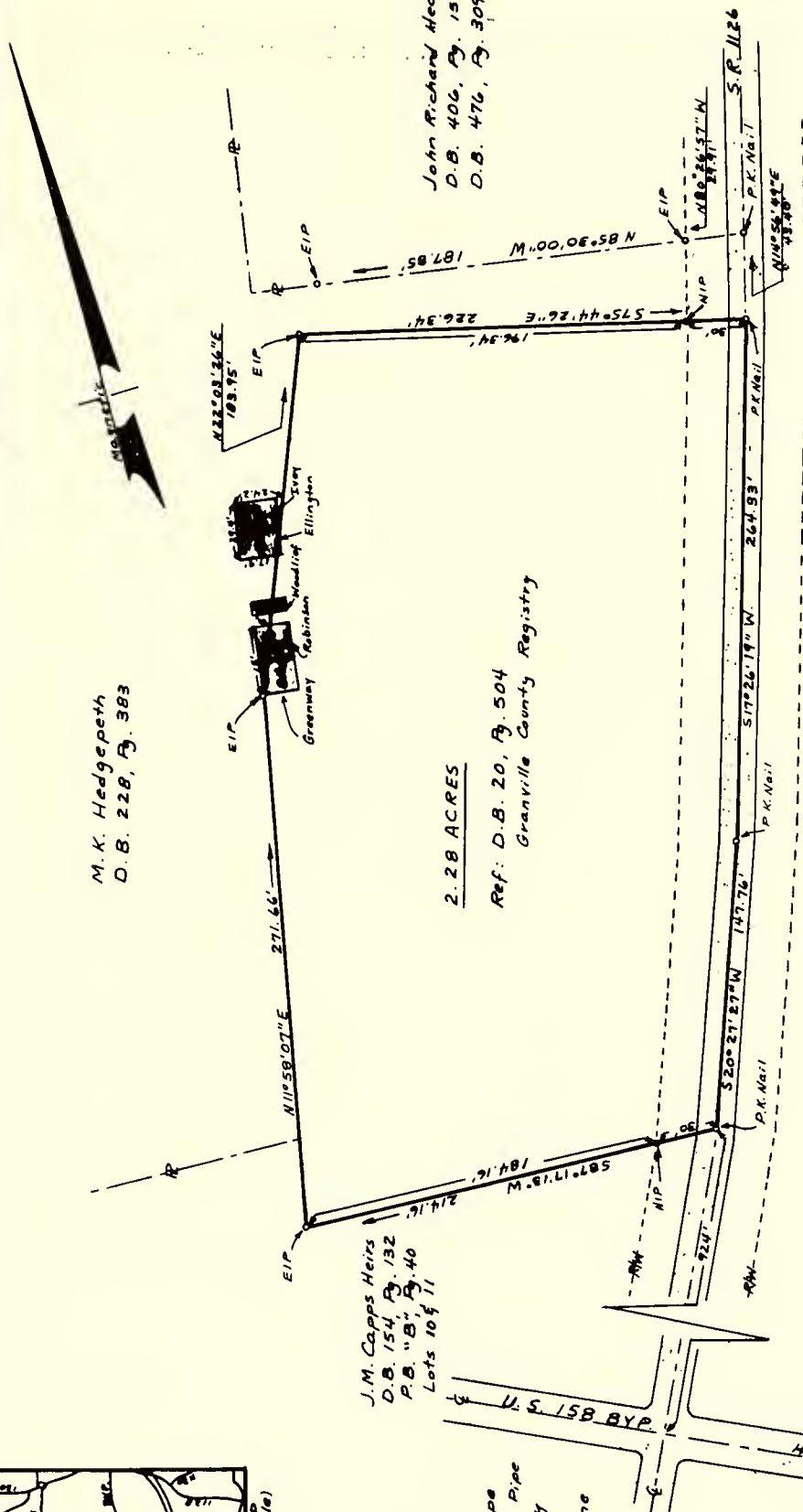
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John Richard Hedgepeth
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R L S L-2500 Wallace G. Cawthorne

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of July 1980

My commission expires 3-28-82 Josephine T. Cawthorne
NOTARY PUBLIC

WALLACE G. CAWTHORNE

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

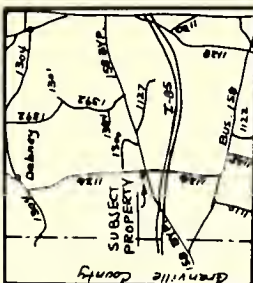
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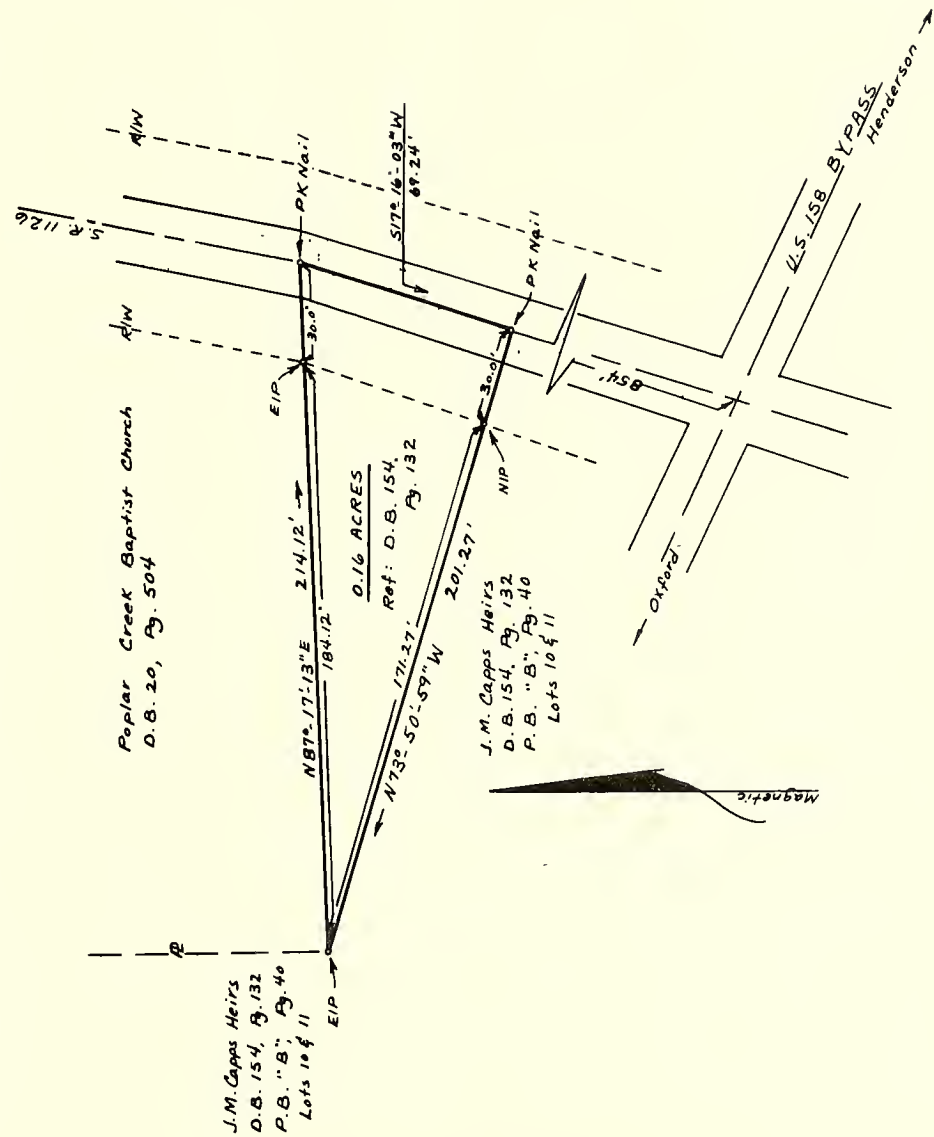
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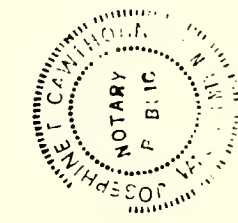
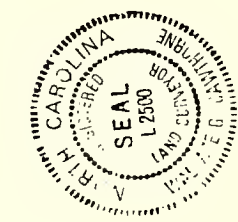
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U.S. 158 BYPASS
Henderson



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R L S L-2500 Wallace G. Cawthorne

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of July, 1981

My commission expires 3-28-82 Josephine J. Cawthorne
NOTARY PUBLIC

WALLACE G. CAWTHORNE
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

PROPERTY OF
POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
DABNEY TOWNSHIP
VANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SCALE 1"=40' JULY 24, 1981

Prepared by A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr.
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Henderson, N. C. 27536

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DEED OF GIFT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF VANCE

D E E D

THIS DEED, Made this the 5th day of August, 1981, by and between CLARA W. CAPPS, WIDOW, J. CONLY CAPPS and wife, PEGGY V. CAPPS, CECIL W. CAPPS and wife, MARY JANE D. CAPPS, JOHN L. CAPPS and wife, SUE H. CAPPS, JULIAN M. CAPPS and wife, CYNTHIA L. CAPPS, JERRY B. CAPPS and wife, CYNTHIA C. CAPPS, and LOUISE C. STRANEY BELMONTE and husband, PETER BELMONTE, hereinafter referred to as Parties of the First Part, to POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, hereinafter referred to as Party of the Second Part,

W I T N E S S E T H :

That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations to them paid by the Party of the Second Part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties of the First Part have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, that certain tract of land in Dabney Township, Vance County, North Carolina, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron pin, corner of J. M. Capps Estate and Poplar Creek Baptist Church, said point being located 30 feet from the center of State Road 1126 at a point which is 923.24 feet North of the intersection of the center of State Road 1126 and U. S. 158 By-Pass; run thence South 87° 17' 13" West 184.12 feet to an existing iron pin; thence South 73° 50' 59" East 201.27 feet through an existing iron pin located 30 feet from the center of State Road 1126 to a pk nail in the center of State Road 1126; thence North 17° 16' 03" East 69.24 feet to a pk nail in the center of State Road 1126; thence South 87° 17' 13" West 30 feet to the place of the beginning. The same being a triangle adjoining the present property of Poplar Creek Baptist Church and contains .16 acres and is more specifically shown on map of property of Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Dabney Township, Vance County, North Carolina, dated July 24, 1981, prepared by Wallace G. Cawthorne.

LAW OFFICES
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HENDERSON, N. C.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Party of the Second Part, and its successors and assigns, to its only use and behoof in fee simple.

And the said Parties of the First Part covenant with the Party of the Second Part, its successors and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Parties of the First Part have hereunto set their hands and seals this the day and year first above written.

Clara W. Capps (SEAL)
Clara W. Capps, Widow

J. Conly Capps (SEAL)
J. Conly Capps

Peggy V. Capps (SEAL)
Peggy V. Capps

Cecil W. Capps (SEAL)
Cecil W. Capps

Mary Jane D. Capps (SEAL)
Mary Jane D. Capps

John L. Capps (SEAL)
John L. Capps

Sue H. Capps (SEAL)
Sue H. Capps

Julian M. Capps (SEAL)
Julian M. Capps

Cynthia L. Capps (SEAL)
Cynthia L. Capps

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Jerry B. Capps (SEAL)
Jerry B. Capps

Cynthia C. Capps (SEAL)
Cynthia C. Capps

Louise C. Straney Belmonte (SEAL)
Louise C. Straney Belmonte

Peter Belmonte (SEAL)
Peter Belmonte

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Vance

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Clara W. Capps, Widow, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 24 day of Aug., 1981.

Margaret B. Greenway
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/22/83

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF VANCE

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that J. Conly Capps and wife, Peggy V. Capps, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 24 day of Aug., 1981.

Margaret B. Greenway
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/22/83

STATE OF N.C.
COUNTY OF Vance

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Cecil W. Capps and wife, Mary Jane D. Capps, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 24 day of Aug., 1981.

Margaret B. Greenway
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/22/83

STATE OF N.C.
COUNTY OF WANCE

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that John L. Capps and wife, Sue H. Capps, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 24 day of Aug., 1981.

Margaret B. Greenway
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/22/83

STATE OF Colorado
COUNTY OF EL PASO

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Julian M. Capps and wife, Cynthia L. Capps, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledge the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 9th day of October, 1981.

Shirley J. Spencer
Notary Public
My commission expires: 2/19/84

STATE OF N.C.
COUNTY OF WANCE

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Jerry B. Capps and wife, Cynthia C. Capps, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 24 day of Aug., 1981.

Margaret B. Greenway
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/22/83

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SARATOGA

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Louise C. Straney Belmonte and husband, Peter Belmonte, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 28 day of SEP., 1981.

John A. Hull
Notary Public
My commission expires: 3/30/82

Poplar Creek Baptist Church
1981 Membership Roll

N. R.-Averette, Sarah Parrott

Ball, Adrian Jerome (Deacon)

Ball, Allen Richard

Ball, David Wayne

Ball, Kenneth Bryon

Ball, Pearl Jackson
(Mrs. Adrian)

Ball, Peggy Overton
(Mrs. Kenneth)

Ball, Michael Randolph

Ball, Vickie Roberson
(Mrs. Michael)

Beaman, Kay Woodard
(Mrs. Tony)

Beaman, Tony Lynn

N. R.-Belmonte, Louise Capps
(Mrs. Peter)

Boyd, Bobby Cullom

Boyd, Freida Aiken
(Mrs. Gray)

Boyd, Gladys Ellington
(Mrs. R. Marvin)

Boyd, Madge Marie

Boyd, Marvin Cullom (Deacon)

Boyd, Marvin Gray

Boyd, Nellie Barker
(Mrs. Marvin C.)

Boyd, Reubin Marvin (Deacon-Emeritus)

Brewer, Edna Earl Parrott
(Mrs. Eugene C.)

Capps, Cynthia Currin
(Mrs. Jerry B.)

Capps, Donna Karen

Capps, James Conly, Sr. (Deacon)

Capps, James Conly, Jr.

Capps, Jerry Brooks

Capps, John Landon, Sr. (Deacon)

Capps, John Landon, Jr.

N. R.-Capps, Julian McElree

Capps, Letha Ann

Capps, Peggy Vaughan
(Mrs. J. Conly, Sr.)

Capps, Sue Hayes
(Mrs. John L., Sr.)

N. R.-Chappel, Mozelle Holloway
(Mrs. Patrick)

Crews, Barnes MacArle (Deacon)

Crews, Donald Fleming

Crews, Nancy Winston
(Mrs. B. MacArle)

Crews, Nell Barnes
(Mrs. Claude)

Crews, Robert Winston

Crowder, Donnie Ray

Crowder, Jackie Greenway
(Mrs. Donnie)

N. R.-Ellington, Lois Ellington
(Mrs. Wallace)

N. R.-Farrow, Ruth Capps
(Mrs. Thomas)

Faulkner, Regina Capps
(Mrs. David)

Finch, Lisa Phillips
(Mrs. Kim)

N. R.-Franklin, John Michael	Hedgepeth, Carolyn Ann
N. R.-Gardner, Sylvia Parrott George (Mrs. Charles)	Hedgepeth, Charles Ball
Glover, Wiline Womble (Mrs. Hayden)	Hedgepeth, Isabelle Ball (Mrs. Malcom)
Greenway, Charlie, Jr.	Hedgepeth, John Richard
N. R.-Greenway, Dennie Cleveland	Hedgepeth, Malcolm Allen
Greenway, Evelyn Clarke (Mrs. Charlie, Jr.)	Hedgepeth, Nancy Joyce
Greenway, Gloria Currin (Mrs. Larry)	Hedgepeth, Sandra Kaye
Greenway, Larry Thomas (Deacon)	Hedgepeth, Thelma Strum (Mrs. John R.)
Greenway, Louis Lanning (Deacon)	Knight, Jimmie C.
Greenway, Margaret Boyd (Mrs. Louis)	Knight, Linda (Mrs. Jimmie C.)
Greenway, Marie May (Mrs. Clarence)	N. R.-Lambert, Bernice Currin (Mrs. Bernard)
Greenway, Melvin Dorsey, Jr.	LeMay, Charlie Upshur
Greenway, Ruth Boyd (Mrs. Cleveland)	N. R.-Moore, Clarence Broadus, Jr.
N. R.-Greenway, Thomas Jeffrey	Moore, Hilda Foster (Mrs. Fred)
Greenway, Walter Elam	Moore, Norma Laws (Mrs. Ronald)
Guin, Daniel Wayne (Deacon)	N. R.-Moore, Owen Woltz
Guin, Juanita Greenway, Mrs.	Moore, Ronald Blake
Guin, Lynda Faye Capps (Mrs. Daniel)	Moss, Jerry Lee (Deacon)
Guin, Philip Wade	Moss, Mary Greenway (Mrs. Hilman)
Harris, Alice Jean Brewer (Mrs. Clarence Y.)	Moss, Peggy Harris (Mrs. Jerry Lee)
Harris, Eugenia Leigh	Newton, Marsha Campbell (Mrs. Robert)
Hedgepeth, Barbara Weldon (Mrs. Gilbert)	Newton, Robert Lenwood

Newton, Sarah Charlene	Testerman, Jean Smoke (Mrs. Lee)
Nutt, James Norfleet	Testerman, Joseph Bradley
Nutt, Maxine May Greenway (Mrs. Irvin, Sr.)	Testerman, Lee Wayne
Owen, Irene Poythress (Mrs. John, Sr.)	Testerman, Treva Lee
Owen, John Thomas, Sr.	Tharrington, Doris Owen (Mrs. Garland)
Owen, John Thomas, Jr.	Wilkinson, Bailey Thurman
Owen, Joseph Cyrus	N. R.-Wilkinson, Katy (Mrs. Latt)
Parham, Samuel Oliver	Wilkinson, Lyman Brooks
Parrott, Charles David	Wilkinson, Vallie Puckett (Mrs. Bailey)
N. R.-Parrott, Elbert Eugene	Wilson, Sidney Woodrow
Parrott, Elizabeth Greenway (Mrs. S. Wilson)	Wright, Lathan Raymond
Parrott, Soloman Wilson	
Paynter, George Robert	
Phillips, John William, Rev.	
Phillips, Jonathan William	
Phillips, Lily Mobley (Mrs. John)	N. R.-Non Resident Members
N. R.-Reese, Phyllis O'Neal (Mrs. Marvin)	
Satterwhite, Janie Elizabeth	
Seaborn, Frances Fulbright (Mrs. John)	
Simms, Billy Newcomb (Deacon)	
Simms, Patsy Ruth Moss (Mrs. Billy)	
Sparks, Pamela Greenway (Mrs. Michael)	
Strickland, Danny Bryant	
Strickland, Nancy Gayla Capps (Mrs. Danny)	

Childrens Sunday School Enrollment-1981

Name	Date of Birth
Ball, Christopher Scott	July 19, 1969
Ball, Eric Jerome	August 25, 1980
Ball, Kenneth Bryon, Jr.	July 8, 1967
Ball, Michael Ryan	April 19, 1977
Ball, Randal Thomas	March 8, 1980
Beaman, Michael Leighton	March 21, 1976
Boyd, Christopher Gray	February 12, 1974
Boyd, Michael Cullom	November 11, 1976
Capps, Cindy Marie	February 24, 1970
Capps, Stephanie	December 29, 1972
Chapman, Carla Denise	March 8, 1972
Crowder, Mark Ray	October 28, 1975
Greenway, Brad Lanning	April 14, 1976
Greenway, Brian Thomas	January 18, 1969
Guin, Christopher Dean	July 26, 1969
Guin, Kevin Wayne	January 21, 1971
Moss, Amy O'Brien	October 19, 1972
Moss, Stephen Todd	November 14, 1974
Seaborn, Johnny Michael	July 29, 1976
Sparks, Michael Coatney	September 12, 1967

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